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Care to come out and play?



Students at the Grayling Elementary School enjoy the snow and warm weather during recess on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The warm weather and abundance of snow made recess a delight. At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, Superintendent Kent Reynolds stated the district was still planning to open the new building in time for the 1996-97 school year.

Township, BFI locate the 'missing' trash

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Grayling Township officials think they have solved the case of the missing township trash.

As reported in the Dec. 21, issue of the Avalanche, township supervisor Arnold Stancil could not verify that trash taken from the township transfer station was going to the landfill in Maple Forest Township, as outlined in the county solid waste plan.

Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), became the township's new trash hauler on Dec. 1, yet despite the fact that representatives from BFI claimed all the Grayling Township trash was going to the proper place, owners of the local landfill said they had no receipts showing BFI had brought in any 40-yard trash containers, as are used at the Grayling Township Transfer Station.

At that time Kevin Beste, BFI Sales Manager said, "BFI is not doing anything wrong or illegal. We can be creative in how we get the trash there and I don't want to disclose that to our competition."

Stancil, however, was not convinced and told the Avalanche if the township trash was not going to the local landfill, "we probably shouldn't pay for it."

A Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), investigation was started to find the township's trash.

To solve the problem, Beste was forced to reveal the BFI strategy at the Jan. 9 meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees. He presented copies of a letter to each board member that he had written to an official with the DEQ outlining how the trash is being handled and where it is going.

He wrote that, with the exception of the first load which was hauled directly to the local landfill in a 40-yard container, all other loads have been recompacted, after business hours, at the transfer station in Lovells Township.

Beste explained that the 40-yard containers, which have been compacted at a rate of 700 pounds per yard at the transfer station, are emptied into a specially built 25-yard container and compacted at 1,200 pounds per yard. Taken to the local landfill, a 25-yard container can be emptied for considerably less money.

Beste told the township board that the recompaction operation has been approved by the DEQ, and with the township board's permission, BFI would now locate the recompaction containers at the Grayling Transfer Station.

DNR to crack down on 'Yahoo' element

Increasing problems with snowmobiles riding on and near railroad tracks in the county have led to a stricter enforcement of right-of-way and drinking laws.

Mark Lutz, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer, reports that effective Friday, Jan. 12, the DNR will be cracking down on snowmobilers. The DNR will be strictly enforcing right-of-way and drunk driving violations.

The strict enforcement is a direct result of escalating problems with snowmobilers, especially along the railroad tracks and highway right of ways. The problem is the worst along the railroad tracks between Grayling and Frederic.

Lutz said Lake State Railway Company is afraid to run their trains because of the large number of snowmobiles riding on and beside the tracks.

"If you're on the tracks, you will be ticketed," said Lutz. "Or if you're on the highway right-of-way or going the wrong way."

The basic fine for this type of violation is an $85 ticket for a misdemeanor infraction. The fine, however, is subject to change if the court so deems. The judge can increase the fine to fit the crime.

"It's a safety factor," said Lutz.

Home Heating Credit delayed by Congressional budget talks

The Home Heating Credit, which in past years has been part of the Michigan Income Tax form, will require a separate filing this year.

The U.S. Congress has not yet agreed on an appropriation used to fund the Home Heating Credit. Michigan residents who qualify for the credit will receive a check or energy draft paid to their heating provider for the amount of their credit, instead of applying the credit to their income tax liability. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for the credit.

"We are waiting for Congress to pass the federal budget in order to determine the final amount of home heating assistance, if any, that will be allocated to Michigan's Home Heating Credit program this year," commented Deputy Treasurer Madhu Anderson. "We anticipate the amount approved for the upcoming year will be less than last year, potentially reducing the individual credit amount. It is also unclear at this time when, and if, such approval will be forthcoming from Congress."

The credit, which went to 404,000 families last year, helps eligible taxpayers pay some of the cost of heating their homes. The amount of the credit is based on income, number of exemptions, and annual heating costs. Income eligibility for the standard credit is determined as follows:

Number of Exemptions	Eligible Maximum Income
0 or 1	$ 8,257
2	11,086
3	13,886
4	16,714
5	19,514
6	22,343

*Add $2,829 to the income limit for each exemption above six.

An alternative calculation is available for determining eligibility based on income and the percentage of income used for heating costs. The two methods are described on the form and, if the taxpayer is eligible under both methods of calculation, the larger amount of credit may be claimed.

The Home Heating Credit form (MI-1040CR-7) will be mailed to past recipients of the credit as soon as it is determined that the federal government has funded the program. If a taxpayer did not receive the credit in the past, and believes they are now eligible, they may call (800) FORM-2-ME and request a Home Heating Credit form be mailed to them.

Foehl named President of United Way's Board

United Way has announced its 1996 President of the Board of Directors. Seven year board member, Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Foehl, accepted the nomination on Friday, Dec. 15.

Foehl has worked full time at Camp Grayling since 1988 as an information officer. He has been on the board of United Way for seven years although he has never served in a leadership role on the board.

"I really feel honored to be chosen," said Foehl. "I feel a strong desire to serve with the people in Crawford County and help achieve goals of the community-based agencies, sharing and helping people here in Crawford County. It's going to be a rewarding challenge."

Bill and Marty Gannon, of Gannon Broadcasting Systems, are the Campaign Co-Chairpersons for 1996. The other officers for United Way are Paul Thomson, vice president; Judy Woodland, secretary; Linda Golnick, treasurer. The immediate past president was D.J. Brown.

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Borchers named 'Boss of the year'

Courthouse employees and members of AFSCME local union #2759 awarded the first annual 'Boss of the Year 1995" to Alfred Borchers, equalization director.

The Boss of the Year for 1995 was selected by the bargaining unit employees.

Pictured at right is County Clerk Sandy Moore (L) presenting the award to Borchers (R) while employees look on.

The award was presented during the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. After the meeting a ceremony, complete with ice cream and cake.



Lowe committee passes POW-MIA legislation

A measure creating the Office of POW-MIA Affairs received overwhelming support recently from the Michigan House of Representatives Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee.

The bill creates an office responsible for investigating information about armed-forces personnel listed as prisoners of war or missing in action. It has the power to subpoena witnesses and pursue information in court. The initiative also requires an annual legislative report.

There are more than 70 men from Michigan listed as a POW or MIA.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, chairman of the committee, said he was moved by testimony about 110 U.S. prisoners of war confirmed to be in Southeast Asia as of just three months ago.

"That's unacceptable," the Grayling Republican said. "This bill will go a long way in finding information regarding Michigan's missing servicemen."

Testifying at the hearing were three men who drew on personal experiences and investigations to outline the plight of POWs and MIAs.

Tennessee Circuit Court Judge Hamilton Gayden, author of the POW novel, *To Circle the Cross*, has a relative who was a prisoner of war for six years in Vietnam. Accompanying him was Khambang Sibounheuang, a Laotian soldier whose military career ended with the communist takeover of Laos.

Also on hand was retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Holland, director of Americans for Freedom Always, based in Arlington, Virginia.

The witnesses said they were happy to come to Michigan and support the first state-level effort to bring the POWs and MIAs home.

"I want to thank Michigan for caring," said Sibounheuang. "There are many Americans and Laotians who have been held in Southeast Asia for a long time."

Gayden testified to the mishandling of photos by the U.S. Defense Department, and the federal government's suppression of evidence. He also said he has documentation pinpointing locations of Michigan POWs.

Holland, a major proponent of the legislation, said a bill is moving through Congress requiring changes in the declaration of death for military personnel.

"Federal law says a man is dead if he has been missing for one year; there is no other requirement that must be met," Holland said. "The decision to declare them dead is made by one officer, with no appeals process. That is the heart of this POW problem and we've got to stop it."

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Commissioners question location of animal shelter

During the Ways and Means meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Jan. 9, the future of the Crawford County Animal Shelter at it's present location was questioned.

The commissioners voted to have Sheriff David Lovely present a proposal for once again handling the county's animal control problem.

Commissioner Dennis Long said the scope of the operation should be more nuisance oriented at the current location. He suggested the animal shelter move to a more rural location.

Long said the current location was never designed for more than 10 or 15 animals. The animal shelter has, at times, housed three times that amount. There are approximately 30 animals currently housed at the shelter.

"The number of animals is too large to continue at the present location," said Long. He suggested the sheriff department take over animal control problems and house the animals at the shelter's current location.

Currently the animal shelter and animal control operations are both organized by Director Dixie Lobsinger. Long stated that although he felt the animal shelter was doing a good job running a shelter, not enough emphasis was being put on animal control.

Commissioner Robert McLachlan questioned how animal control was being done if the truck only used one tank of gasoline a month. The issue was raised when discussing the possibility of cutting the animal control budget in half, leaving them only $4,000.

Lobsinger was surprised when asked about her reaction to the board's actions. Before an inquiry from the Avalanche, Lobsinger was unaware of the commissioner's discussion.

Lobsinger said there were no plans to move the shelter. She stated she has a signed contract for the animal shelter to remain at its present location until 1999.

There has not been any final action taken in this matter.

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Wayne Hindmarsh will once again be a co-emcee of the Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program Saturday, Jan. 27.

Hindmarsh has become a tradition with the annual program in Grayling. He has been the emcee for the past 25 years, with the exception of one year.

Joining Hindmarsh at the microphone will be TV 9 & 10 News Anchor Deanna Fené. Fené anchors the 6 p.m. and 11p.m. news programs.

Hindmarsh is the director of advertising for the Southfield, Lansing, and Ann Arbor disticts for Continental Cablevision Advertising. While living in Grayling, Hindmarsh was Vice President of WGRY AM and was known as the voice of "Wayne Andrews." Later he was co-owner of WQON-FM when it aired in 1976.

Fené was a judge in the Houghton Lake Junior Miss Program last November. During her tenure at TV 9 & 10, the station has received numerous statewide awards for broadcast journalism. She is a graduate of journalism/telecommunications at Valdosta State College in Valdosta, Georgia.

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Frederic Township Hall

C.A.S.D. Adult Education office announces winter semester classes

Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in completing their high school diploma or obtaining a GED certificate? Or perhaps you know someone who would like to upgrade their computer skills. The Crawford AuSable Adult Education program offers everything from high school completion, to workplace literacy, to GED classes, all right here in Grayling. Many people are not aware of the many different classes offered locally to area residents. Whether working to complete the requirements for a state-endorsed diploma, or just taking a class for fun, the Adult Education program hosts an array of classes to choose from.

The Crawford AuSable Adult Education Program offerings include high school diploma completion courses; adult basic education classes (which focus on basic reading, writing and math skills); GED preparation and testing; the literacy network (which upgrades basic skills); alternative education (for 16-20-year-olds interested in completing their high school diploma requirements); workplace literacy—computers; and computer training.

Some high school completion classes offered this semester are woodshop, art, law, national government, global issues, math, English, Sociology, Introduction to Computers I, Introduction to Computers II using WordPerfect, and Introduction to Computers II using Microsoft Works.

Enrichment classes offered for second semester include computers, woodshop, art, genealogy, dried flower arranging, beginning stained glass, advanced stained glass, line dancing, oil painting and woodcarving. Enrichment classes have various costs and usually run for eight weeks.

High school completion and community enrichment programs are offered at the following locations: Adult Learning Center at Hanson Hills during the days and evenings, Grayling High School in the evenings, and during the day at the Grayling Senior Citizen Center, Lovells Cheerful Givers Club, or the Crawford County Jail.

Registration for second-semester classes of the Crawford AuSable School District Adult, Alternative, and Community Education program will be held Jan. 15-26 at the Adult Learning Center at Hanson Hills, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Grayling High School in the evenings from 5 to 9 p.m. Second semester begins Monday, Jan. 29. Adult enrichment classes will begin Monday. Feb. 5

The Crawford AuSable Adult Education Office encourages area residents to register for second-semester classes and go back to school and take advantage of workplace training programs leading to various certifications and job placements, earn a high school diploma, learn a new job skill, or improve yourself. Persons with questions on classes or registration may call 348-7641, extension 550 days, or 123 evenings.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Dinner show features "Sentimental Journey"

On Thursday evening, Jan. 25, area residents will have an opportunity to return to the 40s and World War II era when the community singers of the M.O.T. in Detroit, present songs made popular during that time period. Certainly most of us today can remember this exciting time that was to become known as the dawn of the nuclear age. Mark Von Drak, Betsy Brown, Maria Cimarelli and Karl Schmit return to take us through those years with songs inspired by those tumultuous times.

This third performance of the Crawford AuSable School District Community Education Command Performance Dinner Series features a complete dinner with a choice of 1-pound pork chop, whitefish, potato, vegetable, salad, non-alcoholic beverage, black forest torte for dessert, followed by the show, for $20 per person, tax and tip included. Doors to the Grayling Holiday Inn Evergreen Room will open at 6 p.m., with a cash bar available. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by the show at 8 p.m. The M.O.T. singers, who have been a regular part of the Cultural Events Series, have put together a spectacular new repertoire for the event.

Tickets for the all-reserved seating performance may be secured by calling the Community Education box office at (517) 348-7641, extension 551 days, or 123 evenings. Visa and Mastercard are now accepted, for your convenience. The 1995-96 Cultural Events Series for area residents, is a partnership with area businesses and corporations to bring to the area quality entertainment at affordable prices.

The Class of '76 needs addresses

The Class of 1976, is planning their 20th reunion, and are in need of addresses for the following people:

Brenda Bradstreet, Mark Brosowski, Ralph Larson, Tom Jordan, Tim Morris, Diane Meoak, Rick Reed, Penny Brown, Clarence Budd, Jackie Dawson, Jerry Dixon, Ken Helmick, Nancy Holcomb, Tom Jones, Dawn Kolka, Herb Larange, Cheryl Martin, Beth Moody, Lanora Robideau, Cindy Root, Cindy Steinbrink, Glenda Stoddard, Penny Winslow, Thea Youngs, Mary Fender, Pat Gildner, David Jochims, Jackie Lange, Delbert Nelson, Donna Wysocki, Teal Wooley and Daryl Simons.

If you know how to locate any of these people, call or write Nancy Ruhl Carlsile, 6172 Cedar St., Grayling, MI 49738, (517) 348-2654.

Beyond the Garden Wall Club presents "Plant It"

Beyond the Garden Wall Club launches the '96 season with an introduction to "Plant It," an innovative, computerized data-based program for the contemporary gardener.

Jackie Bindschatel, garden wall club member, will show members how to pull up a menu that accesses information on 1,000 plants, shrubs and flowers. The program not only provides a picture of each plant, but gives any requested data pertaining to a plant such as light and shade factors, climate, type of soil base and moisture needed. The program can do a plant search by preference, common name, scientific name and plant group.

"When you do a plant search by preference, you can input your own criteria," said Bindschatel. "For example, you can ask for all the shade plants in zone four that grow less than 5 feet high."

This program also has the ability to assist people with landscaping problems. Members and guests are welcome to view this computer program on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Service Office. The office is located on the lower level of the county courthouse building. Members can enter through the west-side entrance and go downstairs.

"Plant It" is accessible at the MSU office. For more information, call 348-2841 and ask for Extension Service secretary Gaye Pizzi.

Lanice Rutter of Flowers by Josie, used her inspiring hands to demonstrate a Christmas workshop held at Joel and Peggy Raddatz' lovely home on the Manistee. Club members attending completed fresh greens candle centerpieces, and enjoyed a piece of Myrtle Graham's exquisite cherry cheesecake.

RSVP Happenings

By Gloria Mologianes

It is time for a few explanations concerning RSVP's involvement in the MIC program for the last year and a half. We were trying to help out people in our community by trying to get the boxes of food from Roscommon to Grayling. To do this, we worked with Camp Grayling, Chuck Fick and Ross Prevoe.

These people were kind enough to supply trucks and trailers for the time we were involved, in order to bring the food to Grayling. As time went on, the job became larger and larger, and to be honest, got to be a little more than we all could handle.

At about the time we were deciding to come up with a graceful way for us to inform everyone in the community that we could not continue with our help, we heard that NEMCSA out of Alpena, was going to be picking up the distribution for Crawford County. This was good news to us. We were just trying to do a service for the people in our community who qualified for this program. This was not an RSVP program. There seems to be a few misconceptions concerning this fact. We are not responsible for this program or how it runs, we just tried to be helpful.

Our volunteers and the people who helped in providing the trucks did the best job possible in tryir g to help. They deserve a great deal of thanks, not criticism for their involvement. If not for these wonderful people, this program would not have been available to many people because they would not have been able to get to Roscommon to get their box. I personally want to say thank you, a job well done.

I would hope that in the future, people will remember that RSVP was just trying to be helpful, but there comes a point and time when a service becomes just a little more than one can handle. I am sure that NEMCSA will do a great job in continuing to make this available to the people in need in our community.

Heritage Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

Heritage Baptist church has a new pastor. Pastor Ernie Wagner, wife Lynne and daughter Whitney, recently moved to the community from McBain.

Pastor Wagner has the following degrees: master of divinity, Baptist Bible Theological Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; bachelor of religious education, Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida; Bible diploma, Practical Bible Training School, Bible School Park, New York.

Heritage Baptist Church extends an invitation to the community to meet Pastor Wagner and his family.

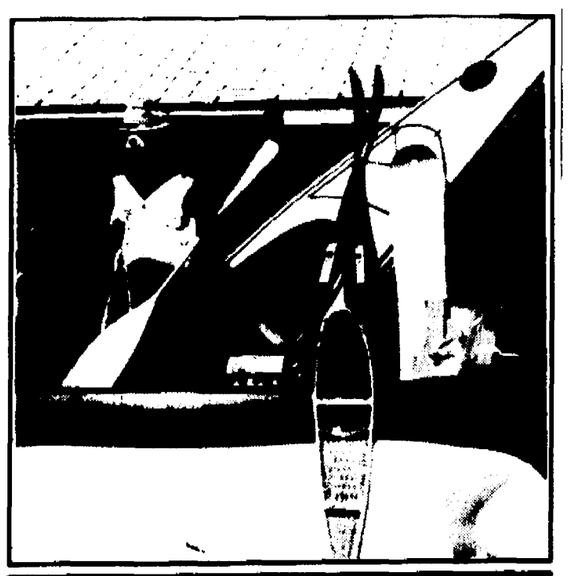
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commissioner stands tall

To the editor,

Hallelujah! Thank heaven for County Commissioner Kathy Black. For the first time in recent decades, someone has the honesty to stand up to the ugly truth. (I don't pay my taxes just to be bullied and bamboozled by trash talkers.)

In the face of all the lies and lawsuits that have been intentionally shoved upon Crawford County residents and others, (for reasons that are now becoming more and more obvious due in part to the hard work of your reporters) Mrs. Black now stands very tall.

She has earned much applause at public meetings, and I wish to applaud her, and her careful research here and now.

Move over Margaret Thatcher; here comes Kathy Black!

Jan Pipe,
Grayling

Parents support St. Germain for varsity softball coach

To the editor,

We, the interested parties below, would like to have input into the selection process and outcome of the varsity girls' softball coaching position.

We, the undersigned, feel strongly that due to the 1995 season, Mr. Gerry St. Germain went above and beyond the call of duty as assistant coach, due to Miss Rebecca Brown being ill and not being able to perform all coaching responsibilities.

Mr. St. Germain ran open gyms for two months prior to the 1995 season, which gave girls the opportunity to improve in the off season, while he also put in many extra hours with individual girls after practice. St. Germain also brought in many experts on the game, including two former college ball players and other community volunteers. These volunteers were not just at one practice, they were there on a regular basis at the request of St. Germain.

We, the undersigned, strongly request that Mr. Gerry St. Germain be appointed as the varsity girls' softball coach.

If this decision is to be made on a committee level and members are needed, we, the undersigned, would be happy to find volunteers, both parents and players. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Anne Richardson,
Chris Dunckley
(Editor's note: This letter was signed by 28 other people.)

Snowmobiles shouldn't ruin our quality of life

To the editor,

This letter is in direct response to the large number of incidents involving snowmobiles that have been taking place around Grayling recently. First of all, let me state that I see nothing wrong with snowmobiling as a form of recreation as long as there are guidelines to keep it under control and those rules are followed by the operators of the machines in question.

Apparently this has not been happening around here, because some of the things I have seen are not only ridiculous, but dangerous as well. I realize that the weekend rush of tourism brings many dollars to our community, but at what cost? Along with that extra income seems to come more accidents and other totally unnecessary fiascoes caused by seemingly irresponsible individuals' intent only on gorging themselves on our precious natural beauty.

A perfect example is in Frederic, where on any given Saturday in the winter, you can witness a disturbing example of modern technology run amok. Not only that, but is seems since the law enforcement in that area is virtually non-existent, the problem is intensified by the close proximity of the village bar, basically inviting people in to refresh themselves and then turning them loose to 'have at it' once again. This seems a little scary, at best. Of course, it's all in fun. What difference does it make as long as they spend their money?

Which leads me to another point, or perhaps it's the same one. It concerns me that the merchants in this area are so intent on making money they are willing to sacrifice those things which are so precious: peace and quiet, fresh air, and the gorgeous natural scenery of northern Michigan. For many local people (myself included) these are the things that make living here worthwhile; to avoid the 'big city' way of life with its unhealthy lifestyle and fast-paced, stressed-out headaches. I realize that we need the tourists, but do we really need the extra stress they bring with them? I think not.

I hope that this letter enlightens as well as amuses, but I honestly wish that it would change the behavior of at least one person whose main purpose in life seems to be blatantly disregard all the things that make this area so precious. Thank you.

John C. Slater,
Grayling

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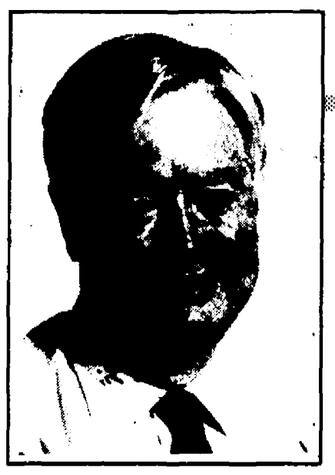
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JIM FITZGERALD



Delicious memories help season fast food

You never know when nostalgia will strike. The hard-working woman who regularly prepares my meals went into the kitchen and, after two minutes of strenuous melting, returned to serve me a sandwich from Arby's.

Guilty secret: Until just the other day, I thought there was probably a Mr. Arby. It took a small grandchild to make me understand that Arby is R.B., which is roast beef.

Anyway, although I've always read the signs, this was my first bite of an Arby's. Usually, my cook freezes Olga lamb sandwiches to be later melted into Sunday dinner.

We are the world's only couple who, when headed for the big city, look like we're going on a picnic in the country. That's because we load a large cooler into the car trunk. Headed south, the cooler contains only a cold pack, but coming back home, it's full of...

Catching up with the latest devices

Wait. First, here's another guilty secret: A year ago, when I first began never leaving home without a cooler, I loaded hundreds of refrigerator ice cubes into it, always complaining about having to perform such an onerous domestic chore. When my wife suggested it would be simpler if I bought a cold pack, I thought she was sarcastically saying a 6-pack of beer might improve my temperment.

I was surprised when she dragged me into a hardware store and pointed at something called Super Ice, in a pack smaller than a Cracker Jack box. As advertised, it is colder longer than real ice, with no messy melting. Wow. I felt nearly as happy as the day I discovered lawn service. My wife said she didn't believe anyone could live as long as me without knowing what a cold pack was.

Which led to an interesting conversation. She said if she dies first, I will soon starve to death while lost and wandering aimlessly in search of the kitchen. I said if I die first, her life will become barren and drab because she doesn't know how to push the right button on even one of our nine TV/VCR/cable remote clickers.

Full-time entertainment directors like me hardly have to learn to cook, or to loiter in hardware stores.

So anyway, the cooler usually arrives back home full of Olga sandwiches, which we have to purchase in bulk in the Detroit area because there is no Olga outlet near our home, not even in the cities the size of Saginaw, Flint and Port Huron. I don't know why that is, but I sure wish Olga would do something about it.

But this one time, my wife was enticed by a 5-for-$5 Arby's sign. After two bites, I decided I didn't like the sauce. She added mayonnaise, and that's when nostalgia struck.

For many, the mystery is solved.

When I was a little boy, for Sunday evening supper my mother often served sandwiches made with roast beef left over from Sunday dinner, with mayonnaise. It had been over 50 years since I tasted a roast beef and mayonnaise sandwich, not to mention Sunday dinner.

I was overcome with warm memories of a long-ago world when food wasn't fast, ovens weren't micro, and Joe Penner was on the radio.

I mention Penner only because, a few columns ago, I advised readers to ask their grandparents who he was. Several of you responded that even your grandparents didn't remember. So OK. The ancient answer is Penner was a radio-movie comic who kept asking if anyone wanted to buy a duck. Now, will you kids please quit bothering me?

Finally, speaking of the sensible old days, I read that many radio and TV stations are censoring out any mention of marijuana from modern song lyrics. Although booze has surely done more damage than pot, I'm glad my generation never stopped Frank Sinatra from telling Joe to set up one more for the road, even though it was a quarter to three and time to close.

ALMANACK By Richard Milliman



Columnist's nose is probably safe

NEW YORK Times savant William Safire has stuck his journalistic nose into Hillary Clinton's business, and may have it savaged for his pains.

It seems the Times columnist, who used to hang around the White House himself as a speech writer for President Richard Nixon, claims that Mrs. Clinton is a liar.

A recent Safire column claimed the First Lady has not been truthful about (a) the Clintons' commodity training, (b) firing the White House travel staff, and (c) the death of close friend and aide Vince Foster.

"Americans of all political persuasions are coming to the sad realization that our First Lady—a woman of undoubted talents who was a role model for many in her generation—is a congenital liar," Mr. Safire wrote.

He then uses the words "lied" or "lying" eight or nine times in direct connection with Mrs. Clinton, and also accuses her "closest" friends and aides of "blatantly disremembering" things that happened in the past.

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THE PRESIDENT, logically enough, didn't like what Mr. Safire had to say, and threatened to punch him in the nose.

Well, that's not quite accurate. Mr. Clinton's press secretary, Mike McCurry, offered to have Mr. Clinton punch him in the nose, in sort of a classic "let's you and him fight" manner.

Mr. McCurry primly responded the charge of lying "has no basis in fact," and later more colorfully added:

"The president, if he were not the president would have delivered a more forceful response...on the bridge of Mr. Safire's nose."

Shades of Harry Truman! Back in 1950 when he was President, Mr. Truman took exception to a newspaper review of daughter Margaret's singing ability and wrote the critic: "I never met you, but if I do you'll need a new nose and a supporter below."

Presidents still are human, and can take only so much abuse, especially when it targets their loved ones.

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BOTH PROTECTIVE presidents are timid compared to a former Michigan state senator.

Gil DiNello of Macomb County has been a frequent target of sharp comments by Hugh McDiarmid, veteran Detroit Free Press politics writer.

After one particular McDiarmid offering, Mr. DiNello threatened genuine mayhem.

He suggested throwing acid in Mr. McDiarmid's eyes, pulling the brains out of his head, chopping off his hands so he can't write..."and if that's not enough, execute him."

Those words came back to haunt Mr. DiNello in his next campaign, and Mr. McDiarmid is still as caustic as ever in his regular Free Press columns.

He's safe, and so is Bill Safire's nose.

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PART OF THE JOB—Threats are just one of those things with which newspaper writers must contend. They happen, but not often.

I've written this column for 25 years or so now, and have never been threatened because of it. I'm probably not acerbic enough.

The only threat my prose ever elicited was 46 years ago as a young reporter at The Holland Sentinel. Two guys followed me into the men's room at the VFW Club one night, spouting belligerence over how I had covered a minor traffic accident, for gosh sakes. I escaped unharmed, and I'm sure my critics felt better about the whole thing.

Most threats end up that way. Some, however, are not quite as simple.

Another young reporter covering the police beat for a smalltown Michigan newspaper a few years ago, incurred the wrath of a couple of guys who had figured prominently in local police and court reports.

This talented and conscientious young newsman received threatening phone calls at the office, and at home, too. They didn't bother him too much—until he got married, and his young wife started getting the calls at home nights when he was out on assignment.

That was too much. He reassessed his career, finally deciding to leave that town—and the newspaper business. The threats were not the only factor in his decision, but they contributed.

Too bad. He was a good journalist.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Courthouse Square



DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

One of those I work with made a comment recently about how the days would be getting longer now that winter has officially started. The sun has made its "U" turn, so to speak, and there will be more minutes and eventually more hours of daylight as we near spring and then summer. I'm sure there must be some really sophisticated sunrise and sunset tables available somewhere, but for us common folk, an almanac will do just fine.

By the time you have this in hand, it will probably be mid-January, and we will have gained some 20 minutes of daylight. By the end of the month, we will have 47 minutes more daylight, pretty much equally divided between sunrise and sunset times. In the 29 days of February, the length of the daylight hours will be increased by an hour and 53 minutes.

There are at least three almanacs available at local grocery stores now, but in colonial America there were sometimes as many as nine different almanacs available. One might wonder why they were so popular, but published books were either not available, or when they were available they were too expensive for most people. A typical family library in New England might have had a Bible, a book of Psalms and Hymns and several almanacs. Almanacs were not only readily available, but inexpensive and our ancestors also obtained a great deal of information relative to their survival from them.

According to one source available, the second item published in the American Colonies was an almanac in 1639. By the close of the French and Indian War in 1763, almanacs had been published in each of the 13 colonies. No matter who published the almanac, they all had a calendar for each month which included the times of sunrise and sunset, along with the rising and setting of the moon, information on the tides, and phases of the moon. When the day was clear, the almanac also allowed any farmer to tell the time to within just a few minutes, by the rising and setting of the moon or some particular stars.

In addition, the almanac was often consulted for the formula to remedy a sick child or cow. When the American Revolution was imminent, there were even detailed instructions for the method of making gunpowder.

Old or new, almanacs are treasure troves of pleasantries, trivia and useful information, take a look and you will see what I mean.





Learning about the rewards of Giving

Instead of exchanging gifts for Christmas, Mrs. Wiltse's 4th grade classroom voted to donate toys and other needed items to the River House Shelter. It was a great learning experience! Pictured above is Mrs. Wiltse's room with Janet Bean, center, receiving the gifts for the River House Shelter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use caution when being solicited by phone

Grayling area residents,

Recently the City of Grayling Police Department received correspondence from "Safe Streets", James Wooten Pres, located in Washington D.C. The correspondence related to their organization which is lobbying for "Truth in Sentencing" of convicted criminals, and was soliciting the support of myself as the Grayling police chief. Should I have chosen to endorse the effort, the endorsement would have been used by the organization to solicit your support, both in signing a petition as well as requesting that you submit financial support also. I have declined to submit this endorsement and have so notified the organization. Coincidental to this, on Friday, Jan. 12, 1996, *CBS Good Morning America* featured a news brief which addressed the problem of "Law Enforcement" solicitation from the public.

I should clarify that there are legitimate fund-raising efforts undertaken by organizations representative of fire, law enforcement and various affiliated groups, and this is not directed at judgement of the current effort. However, as was stated in the CBS news program, studies have shown that as high a percentage as 70 percent of those solicitation monies received are directed toward the administration of the programs.

Regardless of the law-enforcement body within which your jurisdiction falls, the financial support of the body is funded by your tax dollars. This is not always sufficient for programs which go beyond the tax-based budget. There are many of these programs which depend on you as a concerned citizen to lend much-needed support, ie. D.A.R.E., Neighborhood Child Watch, narcotic enforcement programs, Safe Streets; the list is more numerous than space here allows. The important thing to remember is that these programs are locally administered. You, as the citizen, are for whom these programs are directed. It is you who have direct awareness of these programs, their effectiveness and legitimacy. Through the Michigan Association of Chief's of Police, Sheriff's Association, Michigan State Police, and others, there has been a concerted effort directed toward telephonic solicitation efforts, because of the many "bogus" organizations. Sadly, in so doing, the law enforcement associations who have legitimate programs have also suffered.

The only safe decision, before responding to any solicitation is to check with your local agency, city office, county office or Michigan State Police Post.

The solicitation which resulted in this correspondence comes from the Washington D.C. area. There is much needed for "Truth in Sentencing." Governor Engler has addressed this issue with legislation which focuses on stricter application of criminal-conviction sentences. Should there be petitions circulated for voter support of these efforts, I would be the first to add my signature of support, which I have already done incidentally. Should these petitions also solicit monetary donations, please, as a taxpayer, take the time to research exactly where and how the generated revenues are to be administered and utilized. It is not always the "mugger" who is "lurking" in the shadows waiting for the chance to pounce of those unsuspecting.

Peter W. Stephan,
Chief of Police

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Retirement on your 1996 calendar? Contact Social Security now

If you're approaching age 62 and you're thinking about retiring next year, you should contact Social Security now to discuss your plans. In some cases, your choice of retirement month could mean additional benefits for you and your family. Because the computation varies based on your earnings for the year and the month in which you file, it's a good idea to check with a Social Security representative before making your decision.

Because Social Security rules permit people to work and receive retirement benefits at the same time, it could be to your advantage to have your benefits begin in January, even if you don't plan to retire until later in the year. This would allow you to apply earnings in excess of the annual limit to those months, and possibly avoid a reduction in monthly benefits for the rest of the year. For your application to be effective in January 1996, you should file for benefits any time before Jan. 31.

In 1995, beneficiaries under 65 can earn up to $8,160 with no reduction in Social Security benefits; and beneficiaries aged 65-69, can earn up to $11,280 with no reduction in Social Security benefits. The amount a person can earn and still receive benefits increases each year with increases in average wages. Of course, if you are 70 or older, your benefits will not be reduced no matter how much you earn.

For additional information or to make an appointment to discuss your retirement plans, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, any busiest day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Social Security's lines are business early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times.

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Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: 16 inches, 30" snow in the woods. **Surface Conditions;** Very good, freshly groomed, all eight trails open. Deep track set, skating lanes combed. **Hours:** Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. 2 lighted trails open Friday & Saturday, dusk til 9 pm. **(517) 821-6661. Special Note:** Serving hot chocolate on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

Average Base; 2 1/2 feet packed base. **Surface Conditions;** 2.5 miles open, groomed, double set track, 12 ft. wide. Skating lane. Excellent conditions. One mile lighted loop open. No trail fee.
Store Hours: Monday through Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6 pm. Ski equipment and snowshoe rental available. **(517) 348-8558**

Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling

Average Base; 15-25 inches packed base. **Downhill Surface Conditions;** All trails and lifts in operation, packed powder and machine groomed. **Cross Country Surface Conditions:** 35 km, track set of trails open from 9 am til dusk, seven days a week.
Hours: Open Thursday & Friday 5-9 pm; Saturday 11 am-9 pm; Sunday 11 am-5 pm. **348-9266.**

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JANUARY 1996

MI Cup X-country Ski Race
Hanson Hills - Saturday

THURS. 18	•**HS & MS EXAMS.** •**MS ASSEMBLY** "The Science of Sound", 9 am. •**ADULT ED REGISTRATION** through 19th, ALC 9 am-5 pm, HS 5-9 pm. •**WRESTLING VS. CHARLEVOIX/ONAWAY,** away, home, 6 pm. •**FRESH BBB VS. ALCONA,** away, 7 pm. •**VIKING BAND BOOSTERS @** MS band room, 7 pm. •**TOPS MEETING @** Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Linda @ 275-9918 for more information. •**SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** for Fibfibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Immune Disfunction Syndrome patients & families @ Mercy Hospital cafeteria, 7 pm. Call Laura 348-7423 for more information.
FRI. 19	•**END OF 1ST SEMESTER** - HS & MS exams. •**SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY** beginning @ 11:30 am (elem.) for teacher records. •**SKIING @ MANISTEE/CRYSTAL MTN.,** 3 pm.
SAT. 20	•**MI CUP CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE @** Hanson Hills, 10 am. For more information call 348-9266. •**"DUKES OF DIXIELAND"** perform @ Kirtland Community College, 8 pm. •**GRAYLING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** "$10,000 Raffle" @ Holiday Inn, 6 pm. Call 348-2921 for tickets. •**WRESTLING @ ITHACA INV.** •**VB @ WHITTEMORE/PRESCOTT INVITATIONAL,** 9 am. •**FRIENDSHIP SINGLES DANCE @** Breakers Steak House, 9 pm - 1 am. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information.
SUN. 21	•**COA SUNDAY POTLUCK,** 4 pm. Dish to pass & tableware. •**ATTEND THE CHURCH** of your choice today. •**HANSON HILLS CLASSIC** *cross-country ski race,* 10 am. For more information call 348-9266.
MON. 22	•**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PROF. DEVELOPMENT.** •**SECOND SEMESTER ADULT ED BEGINS.** •**FRESH BBB VS. PETOSKEY,** home, 7 pm. •**KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @**12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel.
TUES. 23	•**COA "PJ SLUMBER PARTY" DANCE,** 12:30 pm. •**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF PROF. DEVELOPMENT.** •**BBB VS. ROSCOMMON,** home, 6 pm. •**GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION** luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. •**GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT** Association meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle.
WED. 24	•**MS BBB VS. ROSCOMMON,** 7th home, 8th away, 5 pm. •**VB VS. WHITTEMORE PRESCOTT,** home 6 pm. •**3RD & 4TH GRADE REPORT CARDS SENT HOME.** •**SINGLES FUN NIGHT @** Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. •**ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @** Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. •**WEIGHT WATCHER'S** meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

An eye for an eye

The Pharisees abused God's judicial law to justify their personal retaliation. Christ corrected this error. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (*Matthew 5:38,39*) A clear explanation of the above law is found in *Exodus 21:22-27*. Instructions were given so a civil magistrate would punish every crime within society so that everyone would receive justice. The punishment was to equal the crime. Damages were paid in proportion to the loss.

All of us in society bear a civil responsibility for proper punishment under law. "The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you." (*Deuteronomy 17:7*) Biblical law when practiced through civil authority is a deterrent to crime: "Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you." (*Deuteronomy 19:19, 20*)

Old Testament law also taught. "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I [am] the LORD." (*Leviticus 19:18*) Jesus Christ corrected the Pharisees for trying to justify their personal hatred and retaliation by abusing God's plan and purpose of civil law. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (*Matthew 5:43, 44*) We must love our enemies even when civil action is necessary against them.

While every citizen has the right of personal and family defense, it is the primary responsibility of God through civil authorities to carry out civil punishment. Jesus Christ gave us the perfect example by His conduct: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [himself] to him that judgeth righteously." (*I Peter 2:21-23*) "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (*Romans 12:19*) Christians must balance their personal responsibility to love others, with their responsibility under civil law to maintain social justice and order.

Pastor "B"

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Bear Lake Christian Church to hold concert

Bear Lake Christian Church will hold a "Heaven on Earth" Christian music concert on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. The music concert will feature the LaCroix family music ministry, and the concert is titled "Come let us praise and worship the King."

There is no charge for the concert, however, a love offering is accepted. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Bear Lake Christian Church is located on the corner of M-72 West and E. Bear Lake Road, 12 miles west of Grayling, and 12 miles east of Kalkaska.

For more information, call Pastor Rosenburg at (616) 258-4359.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Thomas and Florence Brooks are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lee Brooks, to Roger Cornell. Roger is the son of Frances and the late Marvin Cornell. Michelle is a 1987 Grayling High School graduate. A fall wedding is planned.

Church Directory



If you are skiing out in the woods with an amiable companion, you can revel in the white beauty of the snow. If, on the other hand, you are on a city street, facing an icy wind, you may feel quite differently about the matter.

Isn't that the way it is with almost everything? The way we react to a situation so often depends upon the way it affects us personally. We aren't to be blamed for this; yet, we should stop to think that there are two sides to every story. We should not judge the merit of a viewpoint on whether or not it agrees with our own opinion.

God's House is used to different viewpoints, to controversy. It has lived with changing times and opinions for centuries, and it has never been more involved than it is today. The Church is changing as change is needed, ever ready to investigate and to explore the new. Have you been keeping up with it? Why not get involved with your church or synagogue now?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MATTHEW	MATTHEW	MATTHEW	MATTHEW	MATTHEW	MATTHEW	MATTHEW
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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.
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Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.
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Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

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Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.
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Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. • Houghton Lake
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1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) .. 7:30 p.m.

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Primary ..... 11 a.m.
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Drunk drivers face increased insurance costs

Convicted drunk drivers pay a high price. First, there are legal fees, expenses, court costs and fines. Then, they can expect a big jump in their auto insurance rates.

A recent Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC) study found that a principal driver of a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am who is convicted of operating a motor vehicle while impaired, will pay at least 50 percent more for auto insurance coverage. A conviction for operating under the influence, or with an unlawful blood alcohol level, will mean an average rate increase of 66 percent—resulting in an annual premium of about $2,828 in Grand Rapids, for example.

"Accidents which result from drinking and driving are very costly," Terry Buckles, president of MAIC, said. "This is reflected in the higher premiums which are charged to motorists convicted of drunk driving."

A drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .10 percent is six times more likely than a sober driver to cause an accident, the insurance industry spokesman added.



In Michigan, it is illegal to operate a motor vehicle with a BAC of .10 percent. Also, a new law here makes it illegal for minors to drive with a BAC of .02 percent or greater.

Stricter laws and increased publicity about the dangers of drinking and driving have contributed to a decline in Michigan's number of fatal accidents involving alcohol. Still, hundreds of persons are killed and thousands are injured in the state's alcohol-related crashes each year.

In Michigan, state law requires insurance companies to establish a plan for charging higher rates to motorists who have substantially at-fault accidents and/or convictions for driving violations. These extra charges vary by company.

However, individuals convicted of drunk driving normally will not be able to purchase auto insurance from regular insurance companies, Buckles said. Michigan law also permits insurance companies to refuse auto coverage to those with such convictions during the past three years.

Most motorists with drunk-driving convictions must obtain insurance from the state's high-risk pool, the Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility (MAIPF). MAIPF is an organization created by state law to provide car insurance to people who cannot obtain or might have difficulty obtaining coverage from regular insurance companies.

The penalties in Michigan for operating while impaired (first offense) may include one or more of the following: a fine of up to $300, court costs, a jail sentence of up to 90 days and up to 45 days of community service. Also, the driver's license can be suspended for 90 days to one year.

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MAIC is a private, non-profit organization funded by 56 property/casualty insurance companies which do business in the state. Headquartered in Lansing, the association sponsors a number of consumer information and education programs, including the Insurance Information Hotline.

The hotline, initiated in 1979, is a toll-free information and assistance service for Michigan residents. By calling 1-800-777-8005, consumers can get answers to insurance questions and help in resolving problems. The hotline receives 500-600 calls each month.

New-car safety devices call for different driving habits

Most drivers assume they know all they need to about handling a car, but automotive advances in steering and stopping mean the skills of many drivers are out of date.

The driver's seat used to be considerably higher than it is in today's passenger vehicles. The proper position of the driver's hands on the wheel was 10 and 2 o'clock.

With today's lower seat position and the advent of air bags, drivers need to move their hands lower on the wheel and sit farther back for proper control and safety.

Before starting the engine, drivers should adjust head restraints so they are high and close to the back of the head, then fasten safety belts and adjust mirrors.

Drivers should hold the steering wheel at its equator (3 and 9 o'clock position) or slightly lower. In a crash, this minimizes the possibility of injury to fingers, hands and forearms from deployment of the air bag.

Positioning the hands on the outside of the steering wheel rim also reduces the likelihood that in a frontal crash, the driver's hands will be forced off the wheel into his or her face. Keeping the hands on the wheel means the driver is better able to steer the vehicle after the air bag deflates, potentially avoiding a second or third crash.

Drivers who sit too close to the steering wheel need to move back to avoid possible upper-body injuries from the considerable force air bags exert as they deploy.

Drivers can determine their proper position behind the steering wheel by sitting with shoulders comfortably back in the seat, arms slightly bent and hands midpoint to lower along the rim of the wheel. Drivers should be able to pivot their foot from accelerator to brake pedal without lifting their heel from the floor.

Vehicle braking systems also are changing in ways that will force drivers to modify some long-established habits.

Generations of drivers earned their licenses when cars had drum and shoe brakes, and the procedure was to pump the brakes and steer in the direction they wanted the front of the vehicle to go. Because many cars today have disc brakes with the antilock feature, drivers need to push down hard on the brake pedal and keep it depressed—not pump. Since the car doesn't skid, the driver retains full steering control.

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College financial-aid deadline nears

If you have a child who is college-bound, Feb. 15 could be the most important day of the year. That is the day the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due to establish eligibility for government scholarships, grants or loans. FAFSA is the U.S. Department of Education form required for all federal financial-aid programs, and also by the State of Michigan for state-funded financial-aid programs.

Evan Montague, director of financial aid at Albion College, said that beyond deadlines for application, there are many things you need to remember if your child is to be considered for college financial aid. Montague offers the following tips on filing financial-aid paperwork:

•Read the instructions. Many mistakes are made by not following the directions completely. Also, be careful to include all information asked for. If forms are submitted without proper information, and without complete information, the forms cannot be processed.

•Make sure all the numbers are right. Double check Social Security numbers. Often students, or their parents, have entered the wrong Social Security number, or transposed numbers, on financial-aid applications.

•Records you will need.

—Copies of both the parents' and student's 1995 U.S. income tax returns (IRS form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ).

—1995 state and local income tax returns, W-2 forms and other records of money earned in 1995.

—Records of untaxed income, such as welfare, Social Security, AFDC or ADC and veterans benefits.

—Current bank statements.

—Current mortgage information, business and farm records.

—Records of stocks, bonds and other investments.

—Student's driver's license and Social Security card.

—Promissory notes or loan disclosure statements.

•Additional forms. Some colleges and universities require additional forms, such as the College Scholarship Service's Financial Aid Form, to determine eligibility for campus-based financial aid. Some forms also require a filing fee. Be sure to check with the college you plan to attend for information on the forms you will need to complete.

•Make copies. Make copies and keep a file of all forms you fill out, essays (if required) and keep a record of all correspondence with the college you plan to attend, and the people you have contacted there. If your file is misplaced or lost at any point in the application process, you have another quickly at hand to take its place.

•File by the deadline. Financial-aid application forms may be submitted any time after Jan. 1. If the completed form is not postmarked by Feb. 15, you may miss out on many financial-aid opportunities for the upcoming year.

•Sophomores, juniors and seniors must re-file every year. All financial aid is considered on a year-to-year basis. If you plan to return in the fall, and you need financial aid, be sure to re-file.

•For more information. If you need to learn more about financial aid, contact the college or university you plan to attend, or your local library. Also, don't overlook scholarship programs operating in your home community.

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Latest safety belt survey shows need for law

A slight increase in safety belt use has traffic safety advocates convinced, now more than ever, of the need to strengthen the state's law requiring motorists to buckle up. The most recent observation survey, conducted in September of 1995, puts safety belt use at 66.8 percent, up only moderately from 66.1 percent in 1994.

"Safety belt use has leveled off in Michigan, making it imperative that we strengthen our current law," said Betty J. Mercer, executive director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "No other change in the law will have the same immediate effect in saving lives and preventing injuries."

Based on the experience in other states that have modified their safety belt law, Michigan will have a 10- to 15-percentage-point increase in use just by keeping enforcement at its same level. Experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimate Michigan will save up to 100 lives annually with a 15-percentage-point increase in safety belt use and prevent up to 3,000 serious injuries.

Rep. Frank Fitzgerald (R-Grand Ledge) sponsor of the standard enforcement legislation, said, "This is all about saving lives, preventing injuries and saving societal costs—without any additional cost to government. To me, that's sound public policy."

The annual survey, conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, shows belt use is lowest, not among adults, but children aged 4-15 at 58.8 percent. It goes up only slightly for those aged 16-29 at 60.4 percent.

And while two-thirds of the state's motorists buckle up, 60 percent of fatal-crash victims were not buckled up.

"If we can increase safety belt use beyond 70 percent, we will have a dramatic impact on reducing deaths and injuries," James K. Haveman, Jr., acting director of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Safety belts also have major impact on drunk-driving fatalities. Two-thirds of those killed in drunk-driving crashes are in the drunk driver's car and 80 percent of those people are not buckled up.

The safety belt law is the only part of the Michigan traffic code with a so-called "secondary" enforcement status. Making it standardized would give it equal footing with all other offenses for which an officer can stop a vehicle.

The observation survey also looked at safety belt use by vehicle type, and found safety belt use highest in sport-utility vehicles at 70.7 percent. Use was lowest among pickup truck drivers; only 49.3 percent were buckled up.

Other findings included belt use was higher for females, 70.9 percent, compared to males at 62.5 percent. And, belt use was highest during rainy weather, 88.9 percent, and lowest on sunny days, 66.7 percent.

Survey researchers also recommend adopting standard enforcement as a means of increasing safety belt use. Specifically, compliance with Michigan's safety belt law would be facilitated if the law permitted standard enforcement, the report concluded.

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Word was received here Monday of the death of Harold "Spike" MacNeven, who passed away Sunday in Arizona. Memorial services will be held sometime in the spring.

Dorothy Geoit

Dorothy E. Geoit, 69, of Frederic, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1996. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 12, at Andersonville Community Church, Clarkston, with Rev. Kenneth Simmons officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

Mrs. Geoit was preceded in death by her husband, Albert.

Survivors include: daughters, Fay Estes of Arizona, Linda Underwood of Waterford, Nancy and husband Bruce Sommers of Davisburg, Hazel and husband Mike Jackson of Capac, Martha and husband David Kolbe of Fraser, Donna and husband Dean Molnar of St. Johns, Iva Doyle of Missouri, Karen and husband Alex Wegner of Emmett, Edith and husband Gary Boyle of Roscommon, and Sarah and husband Phillip Buchanan of Sturgis; sons, Albert and wife Sue of Emmett, William and wife Debbie of Davisburg; Lewis of Elba, and Douglas of Frederic; 39 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters.

Card of thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the caregivers of Mercy Manor, Family Practice physicians, N'Orthopedics physicians, and Dr. Steffe for the excellent care our mother received.

Also to our many friends, co-workers, neighbors and family for their many expressions of sympathy. Our mom is no longer visible, but she will always be in our hearts. Thank you all.

The family of
Alice Harney

Marion Tournaud

Marion Louise Tournaud, 69, of Ocala, Florida, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Parish in Grayling, followed by a mass of the resurrection. Burial of the cremains will follow the mass, at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mrs. Tournaud was born Feb. 11, 1926, in Hartford, Connecticut. She married John Tournaud on Aug. 23, 1947, and they had been residents of Grayling for eight years.

Mrs. Tournaud was a mechanical draftsman for Pratt Whitney in Hartford, Connecticut. She was past president of the Livonia Redford Theatre Guild, and taught childrens' theatre at Central Florida Community Schools. She was loved by many children as Mother Goose, and also taught religious education at St. Mary's Parish in Grayling. She was an active member of the ladies auxiliary at St. Mary's.

Survivors include: husband, John D. Tournaud of Ocala, Florida; sons, John N. and wife Sandy Tournaud of White Lake and Robert S. and wife Cheryl Tournaud of Waterford; daughter, Louise A. Tournaud and husband Guy Quigley of Grayling; sisters, Jean Andrew of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Pauline Hamill of Canada; also her much loved grandchildren, Nickie, Jonathan, Robbie, Monique and Kellan.

The family suggests memorial contributions to be made to Ocala Civic Theatre, Childrens' Theatre in memory of Marion Tournaud, P.O. Box 2132, Ocala, Florida 34478.

Card of thanks

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make my Christmas a happy one. God bless you all.

Joan and Stu Rose,
Compactor

Ralph Mesack

Ralph Franklin Mesack, 74, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1996, at his home. Private services have taken place under the direction of W.L. Case & Company Funeral Directors in Saginaw.

Mr. Mesack was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Saginaw, and was graduated from Saginaw High School. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII. He retired from General Motors Central Foundry Division (Malleable Iron Foundry) March 1, 1979, after 38 years of service. On March 18, 1966, he was married to Amy Ivey.

Mr. Mesack was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include: wife, Amy Mesack; son, Paul and wife Judith Mesack of Grayling; granddaughter Lesleigh Mesack; grandson, Gregory Mesack; step-daughter, Margaret and husband John Janssens of Okemos; step-grandchildren, Kyle and Kristi; sister, Anita McLean of Toledo, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider VNA/Hospice: Partners in Caring, 500 S. Hamilton, Saginaw, MI 48602, or the American Cancer Society.

Shirley Fender

Shirley Jene (Williams) Fender, 57, of Flag Pond, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1995, at North Side Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Fender was a native of Crawford County, where she had lived most of her life, until moving to Unicoi County in 1983.

Mrs. Fender was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Doris Williams, one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include: husband, Bobby Gene Fender; daughters, Lila Myers of Grayling, and Mary DiCosola of Indian River; brothers, Billy Williams of Grayling, Richard Little of North Branch, and Floyd Williams of Florida; sister, Marge Welch of Florida; grandchildren, Angela Ray, David Myers, Jr., and Richard Myers, all of Grayling; and several nieces and nephews.

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Heritage Baptist Church of Grayling, would like to publicly thank Pastor and Mrs. James VanLiere for their nine years of service to our church. Pastor VanLiere led us in the construction of a church building at 1841 Hartwick Pines Road, with many hours of laboring in Sunday sermons, Bible studies, and administration of our church. We thank you, Pastor and Shirley VanLiere.

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At 11:30 a.m., there will be an amazing art show to wrap up the excitement of the day. All students, classes and families from Frederic Elementary, Grayling Elementary and the fifth grade at Grayling Middle School are encouraged to participate. The public is invited to attend.

All students will be recognized for their entries, Superintendent Kent Reynolds will be awarding the "Superintendent's Spectacular Science Achievement Award." All fair entrants are automatically entered into a drawing to win fantastic science or art-related prizes. Entries must be received by Feb. 2.

To kick off this extravaganza, an art and science fair information night, will be held at Grayling Elementary School on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The guidelines for participating in the fair will be presented, as well as a variety of great ideas for projects. Actual art and science products will be available for you to check out, too!

The science portion of the fair is open to any scientific topic of interest. The theme for this year's art and writing portion is "In My Dreams."

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There are videos available to be checked out for one week, for a deposit of $2 per video. If you bring the video back on or before the due date, you will get your deposit back. Types of videos available are cartoons, family movies, educational videos, trials of life and predators of the wild.

Also, Hooked-on-Phonics is available at the library. It can be checked out for one week at a time, for a $10 deposit. Like the videos, your deposit will be refunded when you return the phonics to the library.

The Frederic Hobby Club donated to the Juanita Ennis memorial.

Jim and Barb Verlinde donated to the Lowell Phillion memorial, the book *Titanic* was purchased in his memory.

Lowell and Nancy Bindschatel, Linda Getchel, Norma Foster, Richard, Bev and Jenny Ohsowski, and Jon, Cathy and Ashley McLeod all donated to the Arthur G. Clough memorial. The books *GED—The High School Equivalency Examination—14th Edition*, *Atlas Of Shipwrecks And Treasure*, and *Log Cabins And Cottages—How To Build And Furnish* were ordered in his memory, and his name will be placed on the memorial plaque.

Jon, Cathy and Ashley McLeod donated to the Floyd Millikin memorial. The book *How To Restore Your Farm Tractor* has been ordered for him, and his name will be placed on the memorial plaque.

The employees of the AuSable Woodworking Company, Maurice and Ruby Alma, and West Vienna United Methodist Church all donated to the Mary Skinner memorial. The books *Birds Of North America* and *Crochet—History And Techniques* have been ordered in memory of Mary, and her name will also be placed on the memorial plaque.

If you would like to donate to a memorial, send donations to Frederic Community Library, P.O. Box 353, Frederic, MI 49733. To have a person's name placed on the memorial plaque, a donation of $25 or more, from one or more donors is requested. The purchase of a memorial book may be made for a minimum contribution of $10. You are welcome to suggest a subject area. If you need more information, call the library at (517) 348-4067, or stop in and visit the library. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 1-6 p.m.

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One woman, however, stands out and is best known for her sense of humor and willingness to help out at a moment's notice.

She has served on numerous committees, including beautification, seasonal decorating, breakfast with Santa, the parade and pictionary. In fact, she has worked on just about every function we have had since she joined GPA. She has also been involved in leadership positions of GPA, serving as president and vice president.

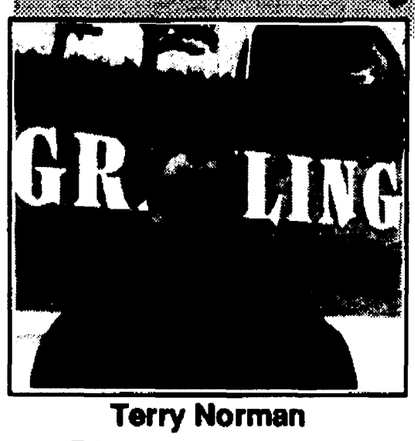
She is not only very dedicated and committed to any task she undertakes for GPA, but we are also very fortunated to be able to call her friend. She brightens all of our lives. She has been called "Grayling's answer to a female David Letterman" (among other things). We are blessed to have her as a member of GPA and we hope that she will always be a part of us.

The woman we have chosen to honor as 1995 Woman of the Year is ... Dr. Carolyn DiPonio.



GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WOMAN OF THE YEAR 1995 -- 1994 Woman of the Year, Mo McNamara (R) presented Carolyn DiPonio with the honor of being named 1995 Woman of the Year at a recent GPA meeting.

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Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Question: As a mother, I'm always concerned about house fires. What can my family and I do to reduce our risk if a fire occurs in our home?

Answer: Every year, hundreds of thousands of fires happen in people's homes. If one occurs in your home, you have to get out quickly. By planning ahead, you'll increase your chances of doing the right thing. The following advice is from the National Fire Protection Association in *Sparky's Tips for Kids*.

•First and foremost, install smoke detectors in your home to warn you if a fire starts. Test them every month, and never borrow batteries from them for any reason.

•Sit down today with your family and make an escape plan. Plan two ways out of every room, especially the bedrooms. Draw a diagram and practice your escape.

•Choose a meeting place outside. Everyone should go to this one place and stay put. Then one person should go call the fire department from a neighbors phone.

•Make sure children understand to get out fast. Don't stop for possessions or pets, and don't go back no matter what.

•Tell children to test every door with the back of the hand. Feel the door knob, and the space between the door and the frame. If any of these feel hot, use the second way out. If everything feels cool, open the door carefully. Be ready to slam it shut if heat or smoke rushes in.

•Avoid smoke. Use another escape route when smoke is present. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees.

•Practice your plan several times a year. Have each child go to the bedroom and start from there. Practice it with no lights at night.

Also, make sure children know the stop, drop and roll rule. If clothes catch fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over and over. Tell them never to run while clothes are on fire.

Child care challenge is accepting entries

Companies and organizations offering child care as a benefit are being encouraged by an area lawmaker to enter the seventh annual Michigan Child Care Challenge.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, said the awards recognize the positive child-care plans provided by Michigan employers. More than 300 organizations have been honored since the program began in 1989.

"It's important to highlight the employer-sponsored programs already operating in northern Michigan," Lowe said. "By doing so, we encourage other companies to provide child-care benefits. Our goal is to promote the cooperation of business, labor and government in addressing child care and other family-related issues."

Lowe said nomination forms are available at all chamber of commerce offices throughout the region. Entries are accepted in five categories:

•"New Kid on the Block" for companies most recently offering child-care benefits.

•"Best on the Block" for employers making special efforts to design unique child-care programs.

•"Grandparent Award" for companies that pioneered employee child-care benefits.

•"Helping Hands" for businesses providing direct financial assistance to their employees or subsidies for on-site centers.

•"Innovator" for community organizations and individuals demonstrating extra effort in offering solutions to the child-care dilemma.

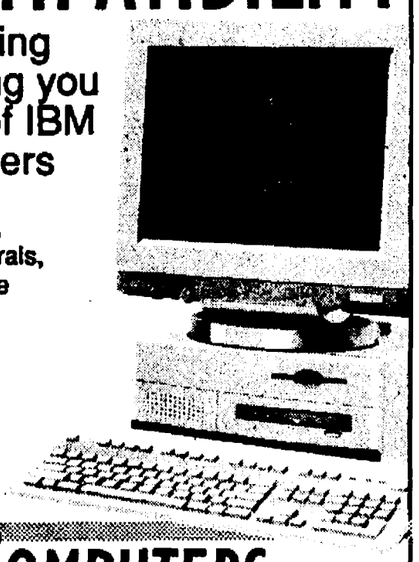
The deadline is Jan. 25, and there is no cost to enter.

"I'm proud that several northern Michigan entries have been recognized in previous competitions. It would be great if our area made the winner's circle again this year," Lowe concluded.

The Michigan Child Care Challenge is sponsored by the House Republican Task Force on Child Care. Anyone needing additional information about the challenge should call Lowe's office at (517) 373-0829.

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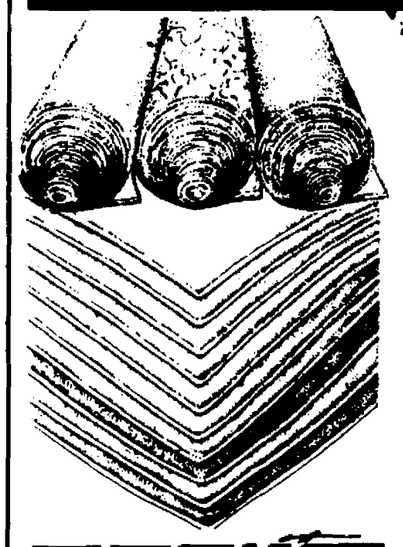


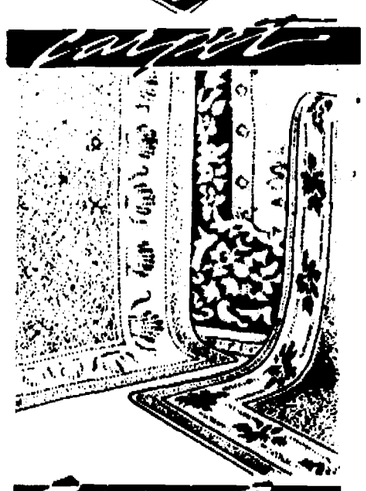
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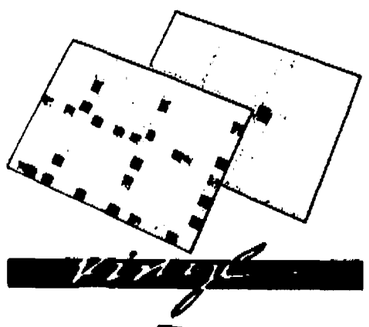
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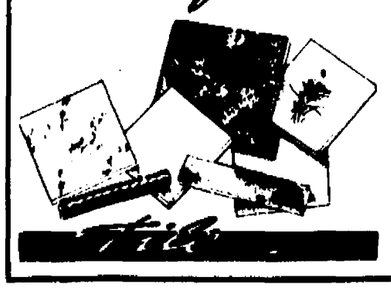
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L. P. Occupational Compensation survey released

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released results of the July 1995 Occupational Compensation Survey: Pay and benefits for the northern Lower Peninsula, which consists of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charleviox, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford counties. The survey contains pay data for 20 occupations and benefits data for full-time white-collar and blue-collar employees.

Some key findings of the survey include:

•Computer programmers were the highest paid among three administrative and technical occupations reported, with an average weekly salary of $580. Average weekly pay for the other occupations in this group included drafters at $489 and engineering technicians at $530.

•Of the six clerical occupations reported, secretaries were the highest paid, earning an average of $425 per week. Accounting clerks averaged $373, general clerks averaged $360, order clerks averaged $419, key entry operators averaged $337, and switchboard operator-receptionists averaged $326 a week.

•Tool and die makers topped the wage scale among eight maintenance and tool-room occupations reported, averaging $16.29 an hour. Average hourly pay for other maintenance and tool-room occupations ranged from $9.07 for general maintenance workers to $16.13 for maintenance machinists.

•Truck drivers received the highest average wage among the three material movement and custodial occupations reported, at $10.40 an hour. Average hourly pay for the other occupations in this group was $7.92 for janitors and $9.75 for material movement and storage workers.

•Most white-collar workers (93 percent) and blue-collar workers (95 percent) worked in establishments providing paid holidays. The average number of paid holidays provided was 8.9 days for white-collar and 9.6 days for blue-collar workers.

•Ninety-seven percent of the white-collar workers and blue-collar workers worked in establishments providing paid vacation. With one year of service, 61 percent of white-collar workers and 27 percent of blue-collar workers received at least two weeks of paid vacation.

•Employers offered hospitalization, surgical and medical insurance to 93 percent of white-collar workers and 96 percent of blue-collar workers. They offered health maintenance organizations to 29 percent of white-collar and 21 percent of blue-collar employees. Eighty-seven percent of white-collar workers and 89 percent of blue-collar workers worked in establishments offering retirement benefits.

Occupational Compensation Surveys describe the level and distribution of pay for selected white-collar and blue-collar occupations in a variety of the nation's local labor markets. Over 120 geographic areas are surveyed annually. Survey results are used by business, labor, academicians and government officials in wage and salary administration, collective-bargaining negotiations, business-relocation planning, labor-cost estimation, and analysis of wage differences among occupations, industries and labor-market areas.

Survey scope

The July 1995, northern Lower Peninsula survey was based on information provided to the Bureau of Labor Statistics by 86 establishments employing 19,293 workers. These employers were chosen to represent 289 establishment employing 40,920 workers in the area. The survey covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communications, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance insurance, and real estate; and selected services.

Ordering information

Copies of the July 1995 northern Lower Peninsula, MI Occupational Compensation Survey are available free from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 230 S. Dearborn, 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604. Telephone orders may be placed at (312) 353-1880, between 8 a.m.-12 noon, and 1-3 p.m. central time.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: There is nothing common about common sense. Use it as much as you can!

The MIC and Senior Commodities program will be in Crawford County at Breakers Steak House, 2123 Industrial Drive (formerly Weatherly's Country House.) More information in next week's Avalanche.

Some up-coming things for the weeks in January include: COA Board meeting on the 17th at 5:30 p.m.; "R&R" on the 18th at 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday potluck on the 21st at 4 p.m. "PJ" dance party on the 23rd at 12:30 p.m.; Power Dominoes on the 24th at 5:30 p.m.; and BPs on the 25th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Sweatshirt contest and games on the 30th at 12:30 p.m.; and "Hangman" on the 31st.

Basket Weaving II starts in February, so sign up if you want to participate. Ruth Cruz is the instructor and the lessons are on Wednesdays. The cost is based on the materials used. Call or stop in if you're interested. (348-7123.)

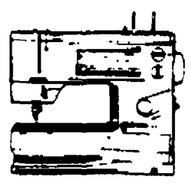
Take advantage of our activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin, and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up or just chit-chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and it is really the best deal in town! Any senior, or spouse, that is 60+ is welcome and bring your friends and family. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for seniors remains the same, at $1.50, however, the charge for those under 60 goes up to $3.

Take note! Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try and call ahead, 348-7123. Meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and 12 noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner

Jan. 17—Liver & Onions/Beef Tips & Noodles;
Jan. 18—Italian Pork/Chicken & Dumplings;
Jan. 19—Home-Style Steak/No Dinner;
Jan. 22—Pork Roast/Meatloaf;
Jan. 23—Tuna & Noodles/Breaded Chicken;
Jan. 24—Italian Round Steak/Veal Birds;
Jan. 25—Turkey & Dressing/Sweet & Sour Pork;
Jan. 26—Beef Stew.

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Kleinschmidt named senior VP at GSB

James R. Kanary, president and CEO of GSB, with offices in Grayling and Gaylord, recently announced the promotion of Jeffrey R. Kleinschmidt to senior vice president. GSB is an affiliate bank of Citizens Banking Corporation.

Prior to this promotion, Kleinschmidt was regional vice president in charge of the bank's Gaylord/Otsego County operation. He will continue to be responsible for this region.

Kleinschmidt joined GSB in 1991. His banking career has included various banking positions with Citizens Banking Corporation affiliates, Second National Bank of Saginaw and Second National Bank of Bay City.

A graduate of Ferris State University, Kleinschmidt is very active in community and civic affairs. He is currently president of the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Gaylord Rotary Club.

Kleinschmidt and his wife, Sheri, reside in Gaylord with their daughter, Nicole.

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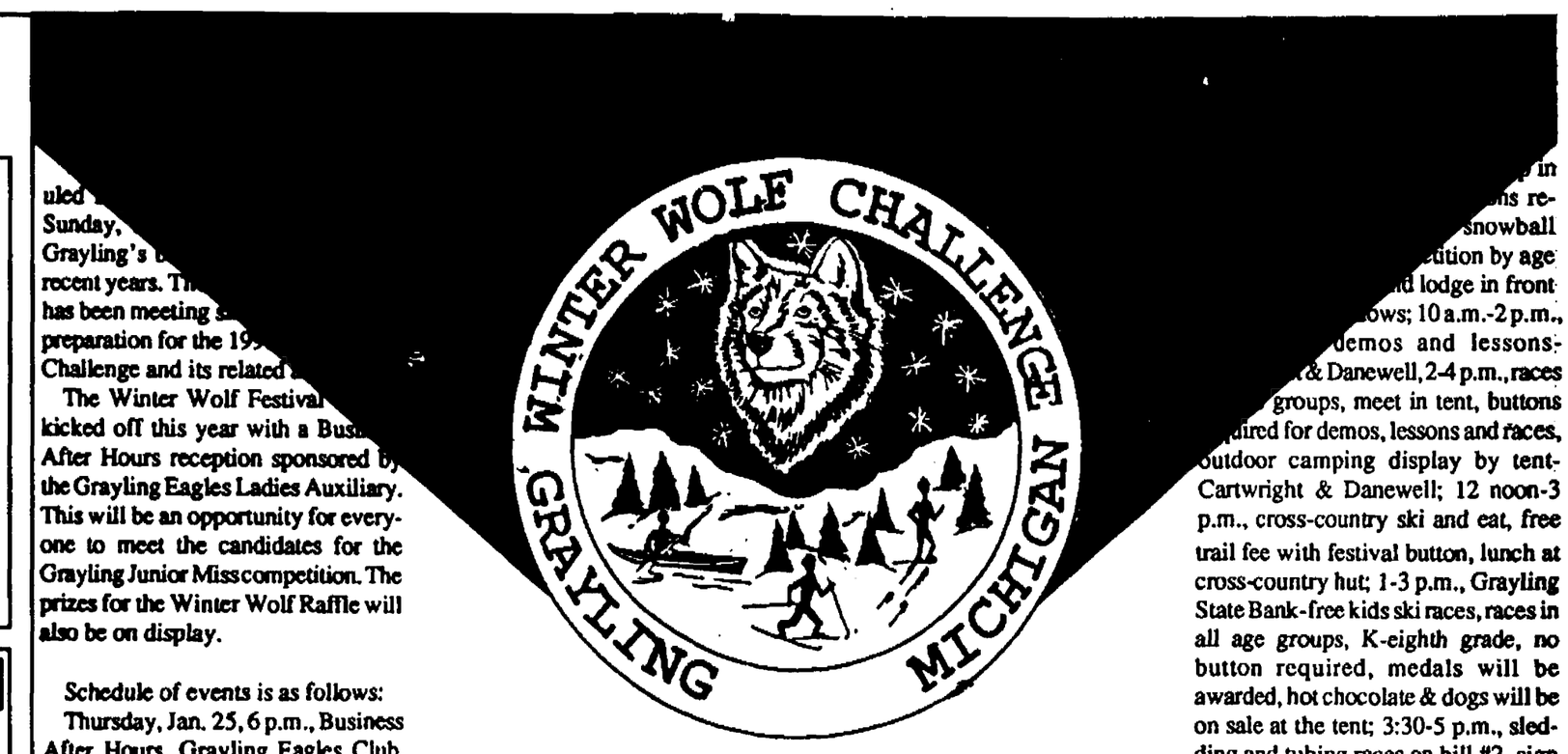
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Section B Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, January 18, 1996

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Sunday, Jan. 28, 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Grayling Booster Club breakfast, $3.50 for adults, $2.50 for 12 and under, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice and coffee; 11 a.m., Winter Wolf Challenge-nordic ski/snowshoe challenge; 11:15 a.m., nature walk on snowshoes, meet at the cross-country lodge, snowshoes available with button; 12 noon-3 p.m., chili cook-off, in large tent, vote for your favorite chili for $1; 12 noon, family softball game, (3 innings or 1 p.m.) meet on the softball field, no equipment necessary; 1 p.m., dummy ski races, register early, build your own "dummy on skis," call Herb Olson for more details, 348-8812; 2 p.m., obstacle course race, all ages meet in tent for rules at 2 p.m., 10 a.m.-1 p.m., snowboard demos and lessons, Cartwright & Danewell; 1-5 p.m., freestyle competition on the 1/2 pipe; 3 p.m., awards ceremony and event closing.

For further information, contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921 or Grayling Recreation Authority at Hanson Hills (517) 348-9266.

Schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m., Business After Hours, Grayling Eagles Club, meet the Grayling Junior Miss contestants; 8 p.m., torch parade on skis at Hanson Hills, brought to you by the Grayling High School ski team-opening of the business olympics; 8:15 p.m., business olympics at Hanson Hills. Your business can enter a team to compete in downhill canoe race (provided by Carlisle Canoes), snowball throwing contest and the 50-yard water run relay.

Friday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., open house at Hanson Hills. Come and see the facility improvements that have been made. Tours meet in the fireplace room on the hour; 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., lunch at Hanson Hills, $2 plus a festival button will allow you to enjoy soup, salad, roll, beverage and dessert; 5-9 p.m., downhill ski free fee (with festival button). Bring your head lamps and flashlights, we'll be skiing the green trail, adults only; 9 p.m., community bonfire, by the pond, bring your skates, lawn chair and anything you would like to burn.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10:15 a.m., Winter Wolf Challenge kayak competition, Ray's Fly Factory-enter this event at the chamber of commerce; 11 a.m., group cross-country lesson, meet in front of the cross-country lodge to learn the basics of cross-country skiing at no charge (with festival button); 11 a.m.-3 p.m., fantastic frisbee fling, located at the end of Hanson Hills parking lot, win a Ford Ranger or Yamaha V-Max XT600 with trailer, sponsored by WCLS Radio, Grayling Ford-Lincoln-Mercury and Hacker's Yamaha, sign up to compete, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., competition begins at 1:30 p.m., prizes for everyone who competes; 11 a.m.-12 noon, pie eating

Fling a frisbee....win a car!

Someone with the luck of the draw and a snap of the wrist could win a 96 Ford Ranger during Grayling's Winter Wolf Festival.

Superstation CLS is putting the Ford Ranger on the line Saturday, Jan. 27, during the Winter Wolf Festival events at the Hanson Hills Recreation area West of Grayling. For the chance to be a big winner participants must register between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Hanson Hills. The person whose name is drawn then tosses a frisbee at a hole in a target, and wins the Ranger if it goes through. If they miss, there is a second toss, with a chance to win a 96 Yamaha V-MAX XT 600 with 10-foot aluminum trailer from Hacker's Yamaha.

Superstation CLS and Grayling Ford Lincoln Mercury have also teamed up on a drawing for a Boyne Mountain getaway worth $200.

Registration for the getaway is at Grayling Ford Lincoln Mercury, where the new Ford Ranger is on display. The drawing will be held at Hanson Hills on January 27. Participants need not be present to win.



Amy Stevenson wins bee again

Amy Stevenson was a repeat winner at the National Geography Bee held at Grayling Middle School (GMS) on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Gwen Seifert was runner-up and Nate Sloan took third.

Other finalists were James Harland, Ryan Casey, Steve Albers, Karl Kaiser, Josh Petrie and Nick Hurd. Congratulations to all.

The school-level competition, which required students to answer oral questions regarding geography, was the first round in the 8th Annual National Geography Bee. This contest is sponsored by "National Geographic World" and the Chrysler Corporation.

School winners, such as Amy Stevenson, then must take a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory are then eligible to compete in their respective state's Geography Bee March 29.

Grayling Middle School social studies chairperson, Mrs. McDaniel, would like to acknowledge the following community sponsors that helped in making GMS's 2nd Annual Geography Bee a success: Ben Franklin's, 7-Eleven, Big Boy, Burger King, The Golden Touch, Sylvester's, Grayling Entertainment, Movies Plus, Little Caesar's, Pizza Hut, Rialto Theatre, and Kmart.

A big hand goes to the following persons for their help, also: Lynn Thompson, moderator; Dan Ullery and Liz Reynolds, judges; Tracy Gallagher, timekeeper and scorer; and all the parents for continued support and encouragement. Geography is your passport to the world.



DARWIN AND DENA WILDER

Third generation owners purchase Davis Jewelers

Jim Shepiers retirement sale was an exciting event for all who came. It marked the beginning of the next generation.

On January 9, Darwin and Dena Wilder became the 3rd generation owners of Davis Jewelers. Floyd & Hilda Davis probably had no idea that the jewelry store they started in 1941 would be one of the oldest, on going businesses in Grayling. Davis Jewelers has been known for fine quality diamonds & colored stones as well as quality repair and custom designing of jewelry.

"My wife and I are looking forward to carry on the traditions and quality that we've been know for, " said Wilder. "We have some exciting promotions and fun filled events planned for this year that we're sure you'll enjoy."

Darwin Wilder began his jewelry career in 1982 under the leadership of Jim Shepler. During that time he has earned degrees in goldsmith; Holland School for Jewelers; gemologist, Gemological Institute of America, and went on the earn his certified gemologist degree through American Gem Society.

VIKING TEAM UPDATES!

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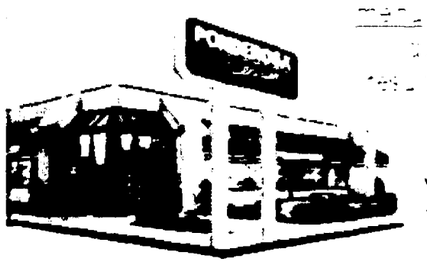
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Alcona downs the Vikings 61-68

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Basketball
Corey Northrup

Viking hoopster, Corey Northrup led the team in assists and steals in the game against Alcona. Northrup also contributed 14 of the 61 points made.



The Viking Boys Basketball team lost to Alcona 61-68 on Friday, Jan. 12. *The Detroit News* ranked Alcona as the #6 team in the state [illegible] Class C.

Coach Rich Moffit said, "Our kids really scrapped and played hard [illegible] Alcona.

"Alcona is very athletic and we [illegible] rebounded them. [illegible] Moffit.

League standings for Alcona [illegible] with a conference standing of [illegible] and an overall standing of [illegible]. The Vikings are in a three-way tie [illegible] with Pinconning Area and Whittemore [illegible] The Vikings are [illegible] overall. Alcona is in [illegible] conference and [illegible]

Leading the Vikings in scoring is [illegible] with 18 points. Other leading scorers for the Vikings were [illegible] Northrup with 14, Chris [illegible] with 13, Brad Lamm making [illegible] and Scott Hartman with five.

Alcona's leading scorer was Mike [illegible]kowich with 16 points.

Northrup helped the Vikings with [illegible] assists and two steals. Hartman contributed with 10 rebounds.

"Two keys of the game, number one, Alcona shot 11 more free throws and, number two, we lacked intensity the last 1:54 of the third quarter," said Moffit. The Vikings finished the third quarter with an eight point deficit.

"We need to stress aggressiveness at the offending end and create scoring and free throw opportunities," he said.

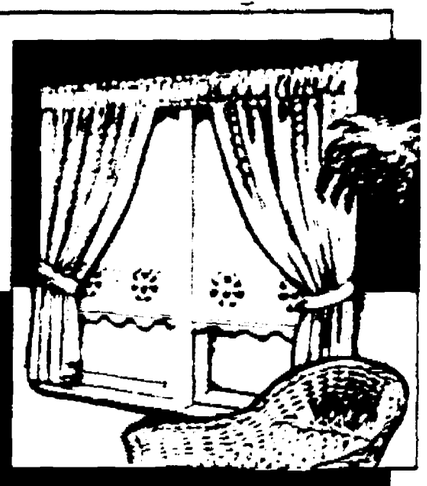
The JV boys basketball team lost to Alcona in three overtimes, 81-80. Leading the Vikings was Matt [illegible] with 33 points.



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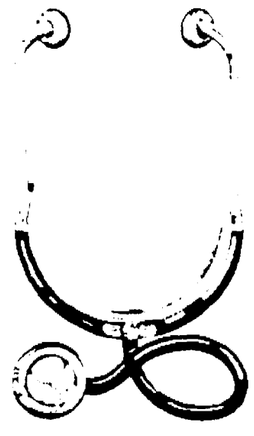
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KEEPING THEM ON THEIR TOES -- The Vikings made Alcona work for every point at the game on Friday, Jan. 12. The Vikings lost to Alcona 61-68. Alcona leads the Lake Huron Division with three wins and no losses in conference play with seven wins, no losses overall.

GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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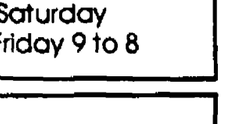
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Cornell 7-5
Mark 8 7-5
Glen's Market 6-6
Peterson Saw Service 5-7
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North Country R.V. 2-10

High Game: K. Schmidt, 192, S. Sumner, 182, M. Perez, D. Tobin, 181. High Series: K. Schmidt, 503, M. Gosnell, 481, L. Dellar, 478.

Senior Citizen League

Sylvester's 40-28
Buccilli's 40-28
Cornell's 37-31
Totten's Body Shop 34-34
Flowers by Josie 32-36
Baynham 30-38
Century 21 30-38
Larry & Joan's 29-39

Men's High Game: A. Wilde, 221, P. Mead, 217, H. Ingram, 213. Men's High Series: A. Wilde, 564, H. Ingram, 536, G. Wolfe, 530.
Women's High Game: D. J. Kellogg, 181, 178, L. Dandy, 176. Women's High Series: D. Mead, 497, J. Kellogg, 476, L. Ochalek, 447.

Thursday Coffee League

Johnson's Survey 12
Glen's Market 8
Buccilli's 7
Lone Pine 6.5
Wakeley Auto Parts 6
Shady Acres 4
AuSable Construction 3
Plaza Bar 1.5

High Game: A. Payne, 203, J. Malinowski, 198, D. Buccilli, 197. High Series: M. Koch, 536, E. Helsel, 512, T. Papendick, 505.

Sunday Night Mixed Doubles

Us & Them 7-1
M.A.D.S. 6-2
Glen's Market 5-3
Mac's Drugs 4-4
Computer Services 3-5
CSI 3-5
Robideau Const. 2-6
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Women's High Game: S. Sumner, 199, D. Ashworth, 198, J. Hinds, 196. Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 540, D. Ashworth, 516, S. France, 509.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

No Fear 12-4
Mosher Auto Repair 10-6
Cedar Motel 10-6
Aunt Betty's 7-9
A.H. Rental & Repair 7-9
Advance Collision 6-10
AJD 6-10
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Women's High Game: K. Loxon, 218, J. Hinds, 205, S. Sumner, 201. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 550, S. Sumner, 544, K. Mosher, 530.

Northwood League

Subway 12
House of Cabinets 11
Stitch-In-Time 9
Wakeley's Auto Parts 8
Patti's Towne House 8
Millikin's 8
Rich's Cycle Service 7
Pearls & Lace 1

High Game: L. Dannenberg, 211, 203, S. Romain, 193, 190, P. D'Amour, 187. High Series: L. Dannenberg, 561, S. Romain, 536, P. Pittman, 517.

Pioneer League

Custom Interior 4-0
Aunt Betty's 4-0
Eagles 3-1
Millikin's 2-2
Mercy Hospital 2-2
Avalanche 1-3
Chemical Bank 0-4
M&M Crafts 0-4

High Game: S. France, 210, J. Hinds, 199, L. Hatufled, 197. High Series: S. France, 533, J. Hinds, 516, L. Hatufeld, 509.

POOL LEAGUE

Mens's Pool League
January 8, 1996

Chief Shoppenagon's 18-14
Plaza 18-12
Red Barn I 18-9
Spike's 18-9
Frogies 18-9
Breakers 18-9
Red Barn II 18-6
Frederic Inn 18-4
Weyerhaeuser 0-0

Women's Pool League

Legion 39
Shoppenagon's 38
Spike's 34
Plaza 33

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Ski team slaloms to second at Boyne

The Vikings Ski team schussed away with second place at the Boyne City Ski meet on Jan. 10, at Boyne Mountain.

The Grayling Vikings went up against Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis (TCSF). Both the Viking's boys and girls finished a close second behind Boyne City. The boys final scores were Boyne City 46, Grayling 53, and Traverse City St. Francis 60. The girls final scores were Boyne City 34, Grayling 50 and TCSF 82.

Ryan Schlehuber led the boys team, getting a lot of help from the freshmen. Ryan placed 3rd in the slalom and 2nd in the giant slalom. Travis Hopp finished in 8th in the slalom and 6th in the giant slalom.

Freshman Josh Mueller came in 7th in the slalom and 10th in the giant slalom, Jason Steele came in 13th in the slalom and 5th in the giant slalom. Eric Thompson, freshman, was 9th in slalom and 11th in giant slalom. Eric Hunter, another freshman, came in 11th in slalom and 17th in giant slalom.

"If our freshman would not have done so well, TCSF would have beaten us," said Coach Mike Wieland. "They all beat out enough Boyne and St. Francis racers to keep us in 2nd place.

The girls competition was nearly a carbon copy of the boys, said Coach . Four racers finished in the top 10 of each race with freshmen keeping St. Francis racers from winning.

Erin Welke placed 3rd in the slalom and 6th in the giant slalom. Jennifer Jurkovich was 8th in the slalom and 4th in the giant slalom. Jessica Wyss was 5th in the slalom and 10th in the giant slalom. Leading the freshman help was Kim Hartman finishing 9th in the slalom and 8th in the giant slalom, Brooke Ginther was 12th in the slalom and Katie Olson was 12th in the giant slalom. Krisin Kerney finished the racers with 16th in the giant slalom.

This was a great meet for our seven freshman in varsity competition, said Coach Wieland. They finally realized they can compete with upper classmen.

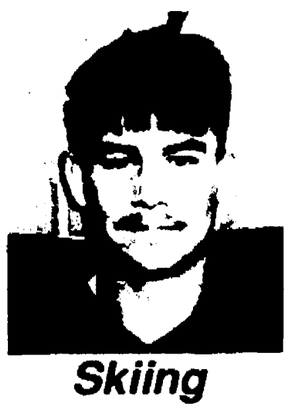
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Skiing
Jessica Wyss

Viking skier Jessica Wyss placed 5th in the slalom and 10th in the giant slalom. Her time in all four races this week were used for team totals.

Holiday Inn
Viking of the week



Skiing
Ryan Schlehuber

Viking skier Ryan Schlehuber led the Viking boys in the slalom and giant slalom. His times from all four races this week were used for team totals.

Vikings hold their own vs. state's best

The Vikings skiers participated in a meet with the state's best skiers on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Boyne Highlands.

Ten teams met at Boyne Highlands in what many feel is the state's toughest ski meet.

Traverse City, Petoskey, Marquette, Harbor Springs, all top state teams, led the field with Grayling boys finishing 9th and the girls taking 10th place.

"We raced 13 different skiers, seven were freshmen," said Coach Mike Wieland. "I thought they did a good job."

Top racers for the girls were Erin Welke placing 24th and 32nd out of 60 of the state's best skiers, said Wieland. Jessica Wyss was 27th and 35th. Kim Hartman came in 37th and 39th, Katie Olson 43rd and 44th, and Jenni Jurkovich 38th in the slalom and was disqualified in the giant slalom.

Brooke Ginther came in 40th in the slalom and Kristin Kerney finished 46th in the giant slalom.

The boys were led by Ryan Schlehuber, placing 21st in the slalom and 32nd in the giant slalom. Travis Hopp was 33rd and 55th in the giant slalom. Colin Hunter came in 38th and 51st, Josh Mueller came in 45th and 56th. Jason Steele was disqualified in the slalom and placed 42nd in the giant slalom. Eric Thompson was disqualified in the slalom while placing 52nd in the giant slalom.

Injuries cost team points

The Viking wrestlers finished fourth out of 11 teams at the Gladwin tournament on January 6.

Taking 1st place were Eddie Davis, 135; and Dale Kniss, 215. Bringing home second place finishes were Dana Beckwith, 103; and Jason Hall, 135. Ben Melonen came in fourth.

Dale Kniss was voted Most Valuable Wrestler at the Gladwin Invitational and then again the following week at the Oscoda Invitational on Jan. 13.

On Jan. 11, the wrestlers competed in a dual match with Whittemore Prescott and Rogers City. Whittemore Prescott defeated Grayling 54-23.

Dana Beckwith, 103; Ben Melonen, 130; Jason Hall, 135; Dale Kniss, 215 and heavyweight Jason Dasho all came in with first place finishes against Whittemore Prescott.

Rogers City defeated Grayling 60-18. Beckwith, Melonen, Hall and Kniss each came home with wins against Rogers City.

"We had a lot of injuries that week," said Coach Don Ferguson.

Injuries continued to plague the wrestling team at the invitational in Oscoda on Saturday, Jan. 13. The Vikings finished in eighth out of 14 teams.

First place finishers were Hall with a 19-3 record and Kniss with a 21-0 record. In second was Eddie Davis with a 21-1 record. Melonen came in fourth with a 17-8 record.

Holiday Inn
Viking of the week



Wrestling
Dale Kniss

Viking wrestler Dale Kniss was voted Most Valuable Wrestler at the Gladwin Invitational on Jan. 6 and at the Oscoda Invitational on Jan. 13.

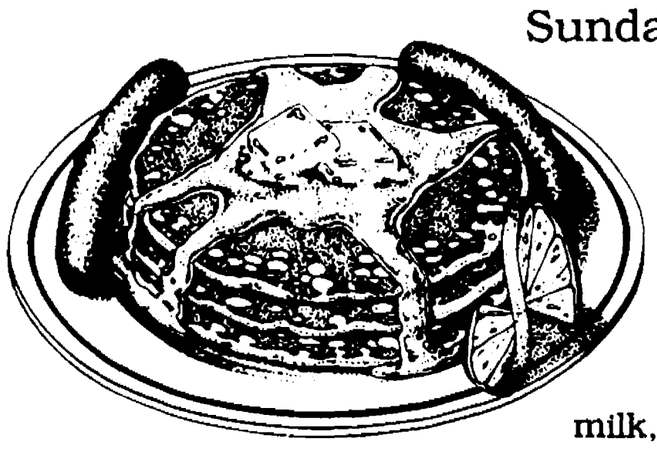
4-H to hold 1-day registration for swim classes

4-H will be holding a 1-day registration for all swim classes, including tiny tots, that will be offered this school year. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 30 and 31, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Cost will be $18 for the first child and $13 for each additional child.

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Netters split 4-4 at Gaylord Invitational

The Viking Volleyball team traveled to Gaylord for an invitational on Saturday, Jan. 13.

A miscommunication about busing, caused the girls to arrive late. The team only had five minutes to prepare for their first game against Gaylord. The netters pulled through and beat Gaylord 16-14.

"We beat them cold," said Coach Becky Brown about the first game of the day. That really says something about the girls ability when they can defeat Gaylord right off the bus, she said.

"The team didn't maintain their level of concentration," said Coach Brown. "We beat everyone in our pool then we turned around and gave them the second game."

The Vikings tied for second in their pool, but were eliminated by points. The Vikings split with all four teams in their pool for a four win-four loss final. Against Gaylord the Vikings scored a 16-14 win only to allow the Devils to come back and defeat the Vikings 0-15.

The split games continued against Mackinac Island 15-3 and 11-15; Sault Ste. Marie 16-14 and 8-15; and Oscoda 6-15 and 15-13.

Amy Neal led the Vikings in blocking with 22 blocks. Neal also contributed 26 spikes, 20 tips and 22 serves. Jessica St. Germain contributed nine blocks with 73 sets and one save. Brooke Blaauw added seven blocks, 23 spikes and three saves.

The Vikings performance at the Petoskey Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 6 was a real team effort. The Vikings finished 3rd in their pool. The netters were inspired by their wins against Kalkaska and Gaylord. It was exciting volleyball as the Vikings came back with long points and long rallies, said Brown.

"As a team we played well that day," said Brown.

Senior netter Amy Neal was named All Tournament. Out of 134 players, Neal was one of only six chosen by officials.

"It's a really big honor," said Brown. "She blocked so well that day, hit well, served well.

Neal was hot that day and the team recognized that and got the ball to her, said Brown.

During the tournament, the Vikings lost both games to Petoskey 9-15 and 12-15. The Vikings lost to Cedarville 8-15 and 9-15. Cedarville went on to take first place in the tournament.

Despite the loss to Cedarville, Brown was happy with the girls ability to stay with them.

Neal's outstanding day helped her contribute 28 blocks, nine sets, 22 serves and 35 spikes to the team's effort. She made three saves. St. Germain contributed 75 sets as well as 19 blocks and two saves.

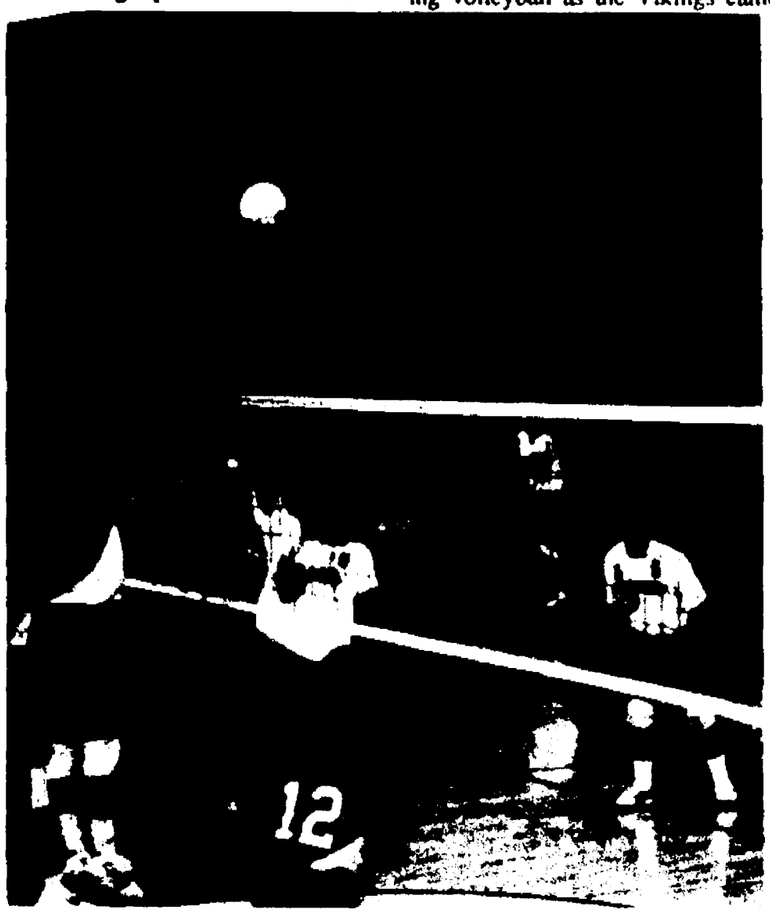
Strong blocking came from Neal, Blaauw and St. Germain, said Brown.

With Neal, Monica Lawrence, Saint, Blaauw and Trisha Ormsbee showing some strong hitting.

The Vikings easily defeated Boyne City in three games keeping them on the defensive all night long. The Vikings came out on top with 15-11, 15-12 and 15-5.

Against the Ramblers, the Vikings saw Neal and Lawrence lead in serves with 15 each. St.Germain added 23 sets, 10 serves and 18 spikes to the team's performance.

The bad weather has contributed to some confusion about the volleyball team's schedule. On two separate occasions, a photographer from the Avalanche went to a game only to find the game cancelled. The school's calendar is also incorrect. The Viking netters have a break this week, but will play Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Whittemore Prescott Invitational.



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Volleyball
Amy Neal

Viking senior Amy Neal was chosen out of 134 players as a member of the All Tournament team at the Petoskey Invitational on January 6.

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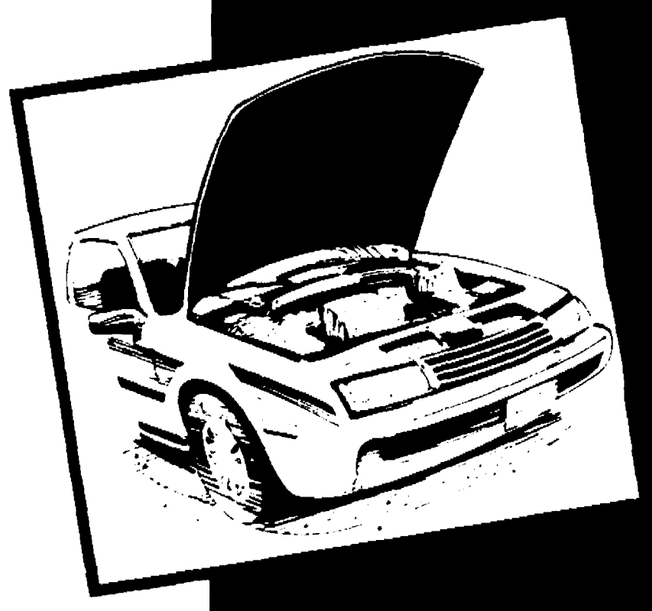


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Crawford Co. won't get ISTEA road funding for 3 yrs



Word from Region 9 Rural Transportation Task Force is most discouraging when it comes to road funding in Crawford County.

Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County James Briney said, "It appears there will be no Rural STF funds allocated to our region for the next three years and the TEDF D funds likely will be reduced by 40 percent. These are funds our road commission, all road commissions, the state and all cities and villages in Michigan have had available to use for road improvements.

The news came within hours after the Board of Road Commissioners completed a list of road project priorities for Crawford County. The commissioners had held a public meeting in December in order for citizens to lobby for their particular road interests. "A similar process is going on in every county throughout Michigan," said Briney.

"This is all part of a process enacted by Congress in 1991 known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)," he said.

"While we have been proceeding in good faith, with the expectation of being able to do another ISTEA project in 1996 and beyond, the liklihood of funding such projects has been diminished for a variety of reasons.

"The state is now taking for itself a larger portion of the funding previously available to local road agencies," explained Briney. "It appears every county within each region now will have to fight for every dollar, instead of having a proportional share allocated to each county.

Crawford County makes up part of the largest region, with a total of eight counties.

This changes the rules and makes success more questionable and remote at the individual county level, say observers of the ISTEA funding process.

As expected, the road commissioners identified F-97, Old 27 and North Down River Road as priorities.

Class of 1986 planning reunion

The Class of 1986 is planning their 10th-year reunion, and are in need of addresses for some out-of-town classmates. Contact Pam Barr, 348-4030, Shawn Krayes, 348-6850 or Lori Pfaff, 348-7580, by Feb. 1, as invitations need to get out. Any ideas or opinions or suggestions will be welcome. Leave a message if necessary.

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Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson



Ski Season

Parents and kids! Here is the ski season schedule! Thursday and Friday evenings from 5-9 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will also be open Jan. 19, 1-9 p.m., Jan. 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Feb. 16 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no school on these days.

Private lessons are always available. Our cross-country trails are open seven days a week, along with our tubing and sledding hill. This year, we are offering a skating rink also! Whatever you need to enjoy the cold weather, we've got it.

GSB Race Clinic Information

The GSB Race Clinic at Hanson Hills got off to a cold start on Sunday, Jan. 7. Area kids from pre-school through eighth grade are encouraged to take part in the no-cost clinics, (kids need a valid lift ticket and their own ski equipment.) The cold air did not discourage the area kids from racing and taking part in the program, we had 36 kids race this week.

In the pre-school and kindergarten group, Jessica Riddle finished first; and Rachel Doremire, second. In the first- and second-grade group, Jill Seager finished first; and Meghan Thomas, second; for the boys, Kody Diola took first; and Andrew Hart, second. In the third- and fourth-girls group, Allyson Diola took first; with Nichole Dixon, second; Nichole Doremire, third; Mallory Olson, fourth; and Jody Riddle, fifth.

For the boys, Matt Seager took home first place; Trevor Clough, second; Jimmy Jansen, third; Paul Montagne, fourth; and Alex McNamara, fifth. Our fifth and sixth grade girls were led by Joni Ames of Mio; with Sasha Latuszek in second; Britni Baker, third; and Sally Jansen, fourth. For the boys, Keil Clough took the top place; followed by Justin Hanes, second; Damien Fleischmann, third; Eric Hart, fourth; and Nate Mueller and Josh Jurkovich tied for fifth.

For some unknown reason, no seventh or eighth grade girls took part in this week's clinic. For the boys, Luke Ames took first; Jason Borco, second; Derek Quick, third; Jeff Montagne, fourth; Paul Jansen, fifth; Matt Thomas, sixth; Anthony Jurkovich, seventh; Josh Willette, eighth; Jeremiah Haskin, ninth; and Bobby Brinker, 10th.

John Alef and Mark Sloan felt good about the turn out on this cold day, and would like to welcome any kids through eighth grade to come out on Sundays to take part in the program.

Boys' Basketball League

Boys' Junior Basketball games began on Saturday, Jan. 13. We are welcoming girls who are interested in playing.

Indoor Rollerblade Hockey League

The first two sessions will be an open skate in order to let more of you register for this terrific program! Games will begin Jan. 20, and will last six weeks.

Pom Pon Program

Meets on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for boys and girls in grades first through fourth.

Something New!

Cross-Country Ski Club began Tuesday, Jan. 16, ages eight years and up. With skis, $12; without skis, $30. Parents are welcome to join us! Six weeks of a fun cross-country experience.

Group Rates

Your group of 15 or more people can save you bunches! Up to 50 percent savings. Call for details, (517) 348-9266.

Downhill Ski Classes

Pee Wee (4-5-6 years old) Saturday mornings, 9-10:30 a.m. Youth classes are Thursday or Friday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. Adult classes run on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. Cross country are Saturdays based on the amount of interest. (517) 348-9266.

Michigan Cup/Hanson Hills Classic

Jan. 20 and 21, marks the Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic Race! Approximately 200 athletes will compete. Come out and see the exciting competition! Sign up on race day at Hanson Hills, 8 a.m.

Winter Wolf Festival

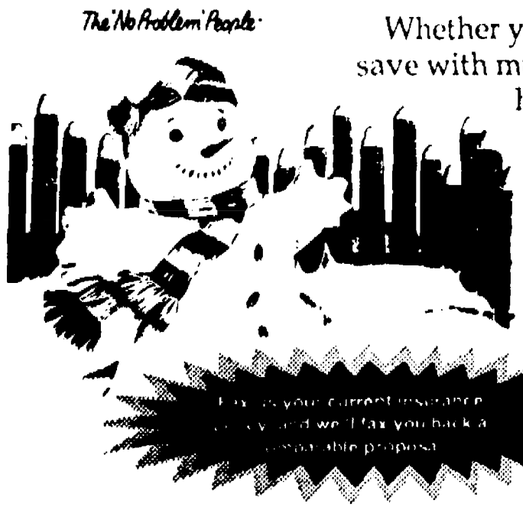
The Festival is back! We are planning many great family events. Plan on attending Jan. 25 thru 28. Come and have fun with us!

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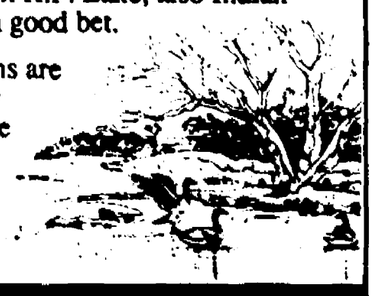
Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Cool fishing all over!

This past weekend brought us warmer temperatures, which are much appreciated by all the wildlife, I'm sure.

Ice fishermen were out fishing all over Saturday & Sunday. There were a few walleyes caught on Lake Margrethe as usual, but also, some of the bluegill fisherman got out and picked up some decent catches of those tasty little fish. I heard they have taken some from K.P. Lake, also Indian and Papoose Lakes are always a good bet.

Spring turkey permit applications are out now, and they must be in by February 1st. Remember, we use the computer now, so you must know what seasons before you apply.



SKIP'S SPORT SHOP
M-72 - 1/4 Mile West of Grayling Michigan

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on December 11, 1995 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Golnick, Stevens, Akers, Ruddy. Members Absent: Mosher. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, two students.

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 27, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Communications were received and noted.

News release regarding Kidney Cars Program.

From Curran Fire Dept. regarding thank you for fire truck.

Robert Smock re: County Master Plan.

Chamber of Commerce re: Master Plan for City & Township.

Chamber of Commerce re: ISTEA priorities North Down River Road.

November 1995 Police Report.

November 28, 1995 County Board of Commissioners Minutes.

Old Business.

Mr. Morford noted that a replacement for Mr. Joseph White on the Zoning Board of Appeals is needed. This is a 3-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1996, and running until Jan. 1, 1999.

New Business: None.

Reports of City Manager: Mr. Morford reported on the following.

Minutes of the Dec. 4, 1995 GUDA Meeting and election of two Directors for 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that the City Council cast their ballot for Darwin Wilder and Linda Golnick for GUDA directors. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

C-TEC Cable is adding 19 Channels including a pay channel as of January 1996.

MMTA Winter Workshop in Lansing on January 11-12. Ms. Meharg will attend.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission notice of cancellation of transfer request for Sawmill.

Status of Off-Premise Signs.

Fire Department Election held on 12-4-95. No change in officers.

1996 MML Legislative Conference to be held in Lansing on Feb. 21, 1996.

Reports of Council Members.

Akers asked about Fire Department Portable Pump situation. Mr. Morford will continue to pursue.

Trucks too close to corner on Charles and the BL will be moved when weather gets better.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

NOTICE

REMINDER TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CITIZENS

The Building & Zoning Department is requesting that all homes constructed in Crawford County have the house number prominently displayed per Uniform House-Numbering Ordinance. A temporary number may be put up during construction, but the permanent number needs to be up for the final inspection.

Also, emergency vehicles need these numbers displayed to provide their service.

Joseph Duran - Director
Building & Zoning Department

10-25

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT
200 W. Michigan Avenue - Grayling, MI 49738

The Crawford County Building & Zoning Department will be closed on the following dates for seminars:

January 11	February 8 - 16 - 22 (am only on 22)
March 15	April 19
May 17	August 16
September 6	October 11
November 1	December 12 - 13

Joseph Duran - Director

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NOTICE

1996 CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold its Regular Meetings on the following dates for 1996. All meetings will begin at 10 am and the last meeting of each quarter will be an evening meeting beginning at 7 pm.

January - 9 & 23	July - 9 & 23
February - 6 & 20	August - 6 & 20
March - 5 & 19	September - 3 & 17
April - 16 & 30	October - 15 & 29
May - 14 & 28	November - 12 & 26
June - 11 & 25	December - 10 & 24

1996 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Ways & Means Committee will hold its Regular Meetings on the following dates and will start at 8 am.

January - 9	July - 9
February - 6	August - 6
March - 5	September - 3
April - 16	October - 15
May - 14	November - 12
June - 11	December - 10

1996 PERSONNEL AND LABOR MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings when necessary will proceed immediately after the full Regular Board meeting.

Sandra Moore,
Crawford County Clerk
January 5, 1996

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SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Personnel & Labor Committee Meeting of Nov. 28, 1995

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartman at 11:20 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan on Nov. 28, 1995. Roll Call: Hartman, Long, McLachlan, Black and Bretzke. Absent: Smock. County Clerk Sandra Moore, present. There were others present at various times. Smock was present at 11:25 a.m.

IN FORMAL ACTION THE COMMISSIONERS:

—Accepted the minutes of the Oct. 17, 1995 meeting.

—Agreed to have Bruce Jones and Joseph Ferrigan attend the next meeting to discuss evaluation allegation against Joseph Ferrigan and ask the Prosecutor to investigate if there was any basis for made complaints.

—Asked that the Employee Policy & Procedure be returned to Chairman Hartman by the next meeting for review.

—Agreed to close the courthouse at 1 p.m. due to a scheduled power outage.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of Dec. 12, 1995

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Long at 10:35 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan on Dec. 12, 1995. Roll Call: Long, Hartman, Black, McLachlan, Smock and Bretzke. Absent: None. County Clerk Sandra Moore, present. There were others present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION THE COMMISSIONERS:

—Accepted the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Nov. 28, 1995 as presented.

—Accepted the minutes of the special Meeting of Nov. 27, 1995.

—Accepted the Ways & Means Committee Report and approved payment of the following vouchers in the amount of: General Fund, $63,826.98; Marriage Counseling Fund, $260; Construction Fund, $152,112.14; Commissioners per diem: Long, $84; Hartman, $84; Black, $84; McLachlan, $84; Smock, $84; Bretzke, $84; and incorporate the action taken at the Ways & Means Meeting.

—Accepted 14 pieces of correspondence as presented.

—Entered into a $2,500 agreement with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments to prepare a recreation plan for Crawford County.

—Agreed to endorse and support the State of Michigan Department of Military Affairs and encouraged the Transportation Authority and Department of Military Affairs to transfer the responsibility and authority of issuance of Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) to the Crawford County First Born Air Division Airfield.

—Amendment to the agenda to have James Briney and Ray Swierez of the Crawford County Road Commission address the board in regard to road closure and lake access.

—Amendment to the agenda to have Robert Porter, Director of the Department of Social Services to advise the board that he was able to secure medicaid funding from the State for the Lira medical expenses in regard to the shooting incident in October of 1995.

—Endorsed the letter prepared by Commissioner Black to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments regarding the MDNR Recreational Grant applications for funding consideration under the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program for 1995.

—Endorsed Commissioner Smock to prepare and forward a strong letter of insistence to the Engler Administration that a Crawford County resident be appointed to the Kammer Trust Fund.

—Agreed to schedule the 1996 Organizational Board Meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 3, 1996.

—Requested the Prosecutor to submit a written opinion before the Organizational Meeting of Jan. 3, 1996 as what constitutes disclosure for an item.

—Agreed to facilitate any Commissioner wishing to attend the Michigan Association of Counties Mid-Winter Conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Ways & Means Committee Meeting of Dec. 12, 1995

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 8:15 a.m. Members present: Bretzke, Black, Hartman and McLachlan. Absent: Long and Smock. County Clerk Sandra Moore, present. There were others present at various times. Long present at 8:25 a.m.

IN FORMAL ACTION THE COMMISSIONERS:

—Accepted the minutes of the Nov. 8, 1995 Ways & Means Committee Meeting.

—Entered into an Executive Session to discuss P.O.A.M. and C.O.A.M. Contract.

Ways & Means meeting called back to order.

—Agreed to accept the P.O.A.M. and C.O.A.M. financial package of 4 percent for each of the next four years retroactive to Jan. 1, 1995 with shift differential being included for 1995 and eliminated after 1995.

—Agreed to extend the present contract with Lange Vending, Inc. for services on a day-to-day service at a cost of $2.90 per meal until the jail facility is completed.

—Instructed the Sheriff Dept. to work together with 911 regarding a new paging system and also to obtain an opinion from the Prosecutor.

—Clarified the intent of the Christmas lunch that one hour would not be paid for as a regular lunch hour and the second hour would be paid for even though employees will not be required to be at work.

—Entered into an agreement with the Joseph Day & Company of Saginaw to repair the boiler pipes in the amount of $4,500.

—Authorized the purchase of the AS400 Spreadsheet Program in the amount of $695, which is available on a 30-day trial basis.

—Tabled the motion made on mileage reimbursement to the Commissioners while on county business until an opinion is received from the Prosecutor.

—Effective Jan. 1, 1996 all Crawford County elected and non-elected employees be entitled to the same insurance benefits and those with annuity would also be entitled to the same insurance package options making coverage benefits equal for all county employees.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of Dec. 20, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Long at 7:30 p.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan on Dec. 20, 1995. Roll Call: Long, Hartman, Black, McLachlan, Smock and Bretzke. Absent: None. County Clerk Sandra Moore, present. Others present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION THE COMMISSIONERS:

—Accepted the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dec. 12, 1995.

—Placed the appointment of the Building Director on the agenda at this time.

—Offered the position of Building & Zoning Director/Inspector to Joseph J. Duran II with wages to be negotiated at the time of hire and submit credentials to the State for verification.

—Accepted correspondence as presented.

—Agreed to have the Prosecutor investigate the possibility of any requirements being violated pursuant to the Dec. 7, 1995 Dept. of Environmental Quality letter.

—Appointed Sinan Toprak to the Crawford County Board of Canvassers for a term ending Oct. 31, 1997.

—Appointed Commissioner Hartman to the Planning Commission effective thru Dec. 29, 1996.

—Agreed to advertise for the remaining vacancies on the Planning Commission with responses to be made by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, 1996.

—Agreed to place the adoption of the 1995 Annual Budget on the Jan. 3, 1996 Organizational Meeting Agenda.

—Correction made to Motion on Dec. 18, 1991 Regular Board Minutes by the Clerk as requested by the Prosecutor for this motion recorded in Journal 17, page 42.

—Accepted county insurance coverage with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan Insurance at a premium cost of $40,093.

—Entered into executive session regarding City Environmental Services—vs—Crawford County based on the request of the Prosecuting Attorney.

—Regular Meeting resumed.

—Reject the offer just presented in executive session regarding City Environmental Services—vs—Crawford County.

—Accepted the proposed contract by Corporate Counsel to temporarily hire an additional employee for a maximum of 100 hours work at a rate of $15 per hour to research and consolidate information on pending lawsuit.

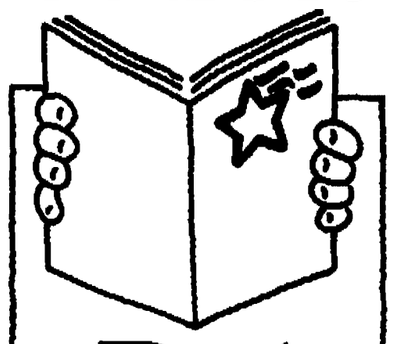
—Denied the recent grievance regarding closure of the County Courthouse building due to temporary turn off of power by the electric company based on the opinion of the Prosecutor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

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SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting of Jan. 3, 1996

Meeting was called to order by the County Clerk, Sandra Moore at 10 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan on Jan. 3, 1996. Roll Call: Long, Hartman, Black, McLachlan, Smock and Bretzke. Absent: None. There were others present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION THE COMMISSIONERS:

—Nominations were taken for the position of chairperson.

—County Clerk Sandra Moore was temporarily appointed acting Board Chairperson.

—Amendment to the agenda to have Prosecutor Huss speak on the topics of "Disclosure" under New Business and "Mileage Reimbursement" under Old Business.

—Requested that the Prosecutor supply a written opinion as to whether not the specific issue McLachlan disclosed would cause a conflict of interest when voting on the City Environmental Services issues. The Board requested the Prosecutor to attend the Board Meeting of Jan. 9, 1996.

—Agreed to schedule the first Regular Board Meeting of each month at 10 a.m. following the Ways & Means Meeting beginning at 8 a.m. and with the second monthly meeting to also begin at 10 a.m. with the last meeting of each quarter beginning at 7 p.m. and to continue Personnel & Labor Meetings after Regular Board Meetings when necessary.

—Agreed to have Bruce Bretzke continue as Chairman for Ways & Means, John Hartman as Chairman of Personnel & Labor and leave all other appointments the same until the election of the new Chairperson.

—Appointed Joseph Duran II as head of Building & Zoning Department with a yearly salary of $30,000 plus benefits. He will provide building inspections, plan review and if possible mechanical inspections for a 6-month probation period at which time a review will be made and any needed adjustment made if necessary.

—Requested that the Prosecutor review and advise the Board of the rules presently being applied to bookkeeping procedures are in text with the original motion made on Dec. 2, 1992 regarding insurance coverage.

—Agreed to adopt the proposed 1996 Budget and Salary Schedule with the exception that the Board incorporate that the Equalization Director be treated the same as other department heads receiving the 3-percent increase.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are available in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Acting Board Chairperson

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 95-3558-CE

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
A Municipal Corporation
plaintiff,
v.
NORMAN J. BANCROFT and SHEILA J. BANCROFT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 593
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-5284

ORDER TO ANSWER

ORDER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on this 20th day of December, 1995.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, Circuit Judge

On the 19th day of May, 1995, an action was filed by Grayling Township, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff herein, against Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, in this Court for Injunctive Relief requiring Defendant to eliminate any violation of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance or in the alternative, that Plaintiff be allowed to remove any violation of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance and tax the reasonable cost of same as a lien upon the subject property. The Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, is in possession and control of real property and Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT legally owns real property more fully described as follows:

Premises situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

LOTS 18 through 22, inclusive, BLOCK 11, PORTAGE HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, shall answer or appear and take such other action as may be permitted by law on the 16th day of February, 1996 at the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 11 am

Defendant, SHEILA BANCROFT, is hereby notified that she may, at any time prior to the Court date, contest this case by appearing themselves or by an attorney of their choice in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, and filing a written answer to the complaint herein made, or they and their attorney may on the Court date, present their defense at which time the matter will be heard by the judge in the above Courtroom. Failure to appear on the Court date designated above will result in a Default Judgement being taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Defendants may demand a trial by jury in which case the jury fee must be paid.

Dated: December 20, 1995

ALTON T. DAVIS,
Circuit Judge

Dated: December 20, 1995

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 18 GRANT APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 1996/97, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 18 assistance as required under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

The Authority is requesting $264,196 in state operating assistance for general public transit services. The Authority is also requesting two (2) replacement vehicles equipped with wheelchair lifts, at an estimated total cost of $148,580. Federal Section 18 operation assistance, estimated at $65,460 is additionally being applied for through this application.

The proposed application is on file at the administrative offices of the Authority, located at 590 West North Down River Road, Grayling Township, Michigan, and may be reviewed weekdays during a thirty (30) day period ending February 15,1996, between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing, that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic and environmental effects of these proposals. Written requests must be postmarked on or before February 15, 1996.

Submittals should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
Rte. #5, Box 2969
Grayling, Michigan 49738

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NOTICE

ONE OR MORE 1996 Four Wheel Drive Pick-up(s)

1/2 Ton	Radiator: HD
GVW- 6100 Minimum	Tires: Blackwall • Box: 8 Ft.
Engine: 6.5 Diesel	Seat: Cloth Bench
Transmission: 4-Speed automatic, W/OD, HD	Color: Red
Axle Ratio: 3.73	Silverado, or equivalent
	Plow Package

Sealed bids to be opened at 10:30 am, February 8, 1996, during the Regular Meeting of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate on the outside envelope what item is being bid. Bids are to be in the hands of the board clerk, no later than 10 am the day of the opening.

James Briney

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY
500 Huron St., P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738 • (517) 348-2281

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on Jan. 17 and cease on Jan. 19.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on Jan. 17 and cease on Jan. 19.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on Jan. 17 through Jan. 21, and Jan. 23 through Jan. 24.

The Avalanche for all your custom printing needs (carbon or carbonless forms, letterhead, receipts, etc.)

FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: January 21 - 27, 1996

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Give some thought to home improvements. It's never to early to begin planning for the future.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Someone may have a grudge to settle. Be prepared for battle and keep your defenses up. Don't give in.

GEMINI (May 21 - June20) Worrying about things beyond your control is pointless. It's those things you can change that need your attention.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) A good friend is worth more than all the lovers combined. Show appreciation for the benefits of friendship.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) Business appointments start the week on a resourceful note; keep up the productivity as the week goes by.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Socialize with friends and network at the same time. You never know what may come out of it.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Long nights are conducive to extra sleep. Take advantage of this time to get some badly needed rest.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Postpone signing any documents until you have had a chance to talk with those in the know. Read the fine print.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Don't get in the middle of a disagreement. Let participants duke it out without your intervention.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Take care that you do not take out your frustrations on innocent by-standers. Control your emotions.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Begin a new creative endeavor immediately. It may take much longer than you think to complete.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20) Revise your budget to include additional savings. Put aside as much as possible– you're going to need it.



CHOW/COLLIE MIX NEEDS A HOME--This 1-year-old male, chow/collie mix is housebroken and is good with kids. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

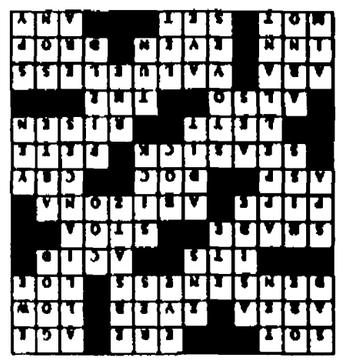
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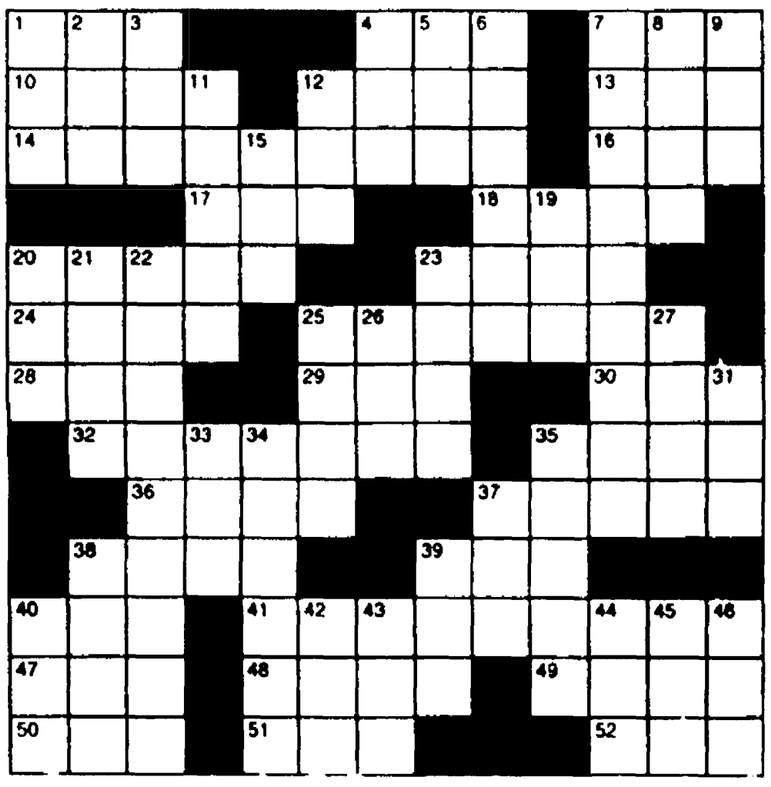
WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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10. Space
12. Always
13. Base
14. Compactness
16. Love, Scot.
17. It is
18. Tart
20. Ghost
23. Greek porch
24. Smoking tool
25. Western state
28. Snake
29. One of the seven dwarfs
30. Weep
32. Nauseated nautically
35. Festival
36. Latvian
37. Got up
38. Too
39. Article
40. Parrot, Brazil
41. Worthless
47. Hostelry
48. Level
49. Let fall
50. Bon __
51. Harden
52. Some

DOWN
1. Unhappy
2. Mine product
3. Decade
4. Night before
5. Thing, law
6. Substitute
7. Union
8. Virtuous
9. Female sheep
11. Apart
12. Printer's measures
15. Summer in Paris
19. Dove sound
20. Health resort
21. Snake sound
22. Litigant
23. Ill
25. Mine entrance
26. Fabulous bird
27. ___ Johnson
31. Jap. money
33. Bronze coin
34. Heaters
35. Left, right, or center
37. Fluidity unit
38. Italian river
39. Large cask
40. Goal
42. Hail!
43. Rent
44. Age
45. Relative
46. Secret agent

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS





PET CARE TIPS

Pets like the smell and taste of antifreeze, but even a small amount can kill them. Thoroughly clean up spills at once. Tightly close containers holding antifreeze and store them where pets cannot get to them.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago
Jan. 18, 1973

Mrs. Evelyn Keir is the March of Dimes (MOD) chairman for Business and Industry. She has been a resident of Grayling for six years and has helped with the MOD for three years. She and her husband, John, are the parents of five children, Beth, Sarah, Tina, Sharon and Matt.

At 8:07 Monday morning, a forced entry was reported at Bear Mountain Resort. A door in the office had been forced open and several thousand dollars were taken. The entry was made sometime after the closing on Sunday.

Brunettes really do have more fun...That was proved this past week when five lovely brunettes filed applications to participate in the Miss Grayling Pageant to be held on Jan. 27. They are Michelle Marie Dosch, Ann Lynn Haskel, Cheryl Ann Johnson, Dolores Anne Kenyon and Linda Eileen Laeder.

Bernard Larson of Grayling, has been awarded an honorable mention for his art entry in the Michigan Hot Rod Association's Autorama Drawing Contest. Bernie is an 11th grade student at Grayling High School.

Mrs. Donn Broeker and son left Monday from Tri City Airport to return to their residence in Enterprise, Alabama, where they have been residing for the past year. Dianne's husband, Donn, is in Vietnam.

A surprise party in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary was given for Mr. and Mrs. Leo Palmer on Saturday, Dec. 30, at St. Mary's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Palmer and Kerry Palmer arranged the party for their parents. Grayling area guests and others from Port Huron, Alpena, Roscommon, Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe, enjoyed a buffet dinner at the gathering.

In official swearing-in ceremonies last week in the State Capitol, Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Brennan administered the official oath of office to Representative Ralph Ostling of the 103rd District prior to the opening of the 1973 legislative session.

The Holiday Inn traveling bowling team, consisting of Ron Case, Homer King, Phil Faustman, Larry Davis and Dan Canfield demolished Boyne City and Petoskey for all six points. The Holiday Inn has taken a 7-point lead with games between Mancelona, Cheboygan, Petoskey and Boyne City to bowl.

The 48th annual Grayling Winter Sports Dinner-Dance will be held at the Polyhedron Lodge on Feb. 1. Don't miss this social event of the season.

Miss Grayling Winter Sports 1973 will be presented along with her court. Past queens will also be introduced.

46 years ago
Jan. 19, 1950

The Grayling Vikings edged past Roscommon 36-35 last Tuesday, but dropped a decision to the Gaylord Blue Devils there last Friday night.

One of the biggest, if not the biggest pike, taken through the ice was speared about 4 p.m. Sunday, by James Tinker at School Section Lake. The great northern pike weighed 21 pounds, 4 ounces. It measured 42 inches in length, and 20 inches around. When the fish was taken out of the hole in the ice, it was necessary to use three spears.

A sideswiping collision in the midst of a screaming blizzard between a southbound Greyhound bus and a northbound charter bus on US-27, about 7 miles north of Gaylord last Saturday morning, has been termed "the worst highway accident in Otsego County's history" and could well be among the worst in the traffic history of the north. The toll was five dead, 20 injured, 11 very seriously. The two buses were a southbound passenger bus and the other a chartered bus returning 21 members of the Michigan Tech hockey team from East Lansing to Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClain announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Jane, to LeRoy Papendick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Papendick.

Grayling is looking better all the time. The Rasmussen Lumber Company on Norway Street is being remodeled, the Herluf Sorenson Sporting Goods Store and adjoining buildings are in the process of getting a new front, and Dr. Keyport, Clippert and Henig are building an addition to their clinic. Among other business improvements are a new vegetable display rack at Burrows Market and a new shuffle board at Spike's Keg O'Nails.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, son Grant, and Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Helen Danz of Groton, Connecticut, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson, enroute from Galveston, Texas to Connecticut. The Thompsons are to be stationed in Puerto Rico for two years.

Bob Papendick was home from Flint to spend the weekend with his parents, the Jack Papendicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow are pleased to announce the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital on Jan. 16. He has been named Steven Jacques, and weighed 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krumrei have moved into the Sorenson house at the corner of Maple and Ogemaw.

A nice crowd of about 80 people attended the miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babbitt at the Town Hall Saturday evening. After the gifts were opened, a bountiful potluck lunch was enjoyed. The shower was sponsored by the T.N.T. Club. A couple of hours of dancing was enjoyed.

69 years ago
Jan. 20, 1927

Some businessmen of Grayling, by their generosity, are providing the highest type of winter sport for the people of Grayling, and whoever else may desire, by financing the construction of toboggan and ski slides at Lake Margrethe. The slides are located on "Division Hill" of the Hanson State Military Reservation.

The Jimmy Burton farm in Beaver Creek Township, owned by Myron Barber, was recently sold to Dr. F. Valentine of Toledo, Ohio, who will soon stock same with cattle and sheep.

Preliminary game Saturday night at 7:30 between "Mutt" Burrows Bear Cats and Grayling High.

Guy Leverton left Tuesday night for Ann Arbor to undergo an operation at University Hospital.

Jane Keyport had the misfortune to fall at her home on Friday evening, breaking two bones in her left forearm.

The interior of the Salling Hanson Company offices are being nicely redecorated by Waldemar Jenson, assisted by Adolph Peterson.

Melvin Alderman, the little son of Lt. and Mrs. Russell Emerson Bates, was christened at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates on Tuesday last by Rev. J. Herman Baughn.

Harry Nelson Schanck, 8-year-old son of Albert Schanck of Luzerne, who has been in Mercy Hospital since Oct. 24, as the result of an accidental shot in the arm, was dismissed today.

Miss Ona Lozon has accepted the position of clerk in the Grayling Creamery, taking the place of Miss Ruth McNeven who has resigned.

94 years ago
Jan. 23, 1902

C. E. Strunk, who years ago was foreman of the Avalanche office, died at the Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids, Jan. 12.

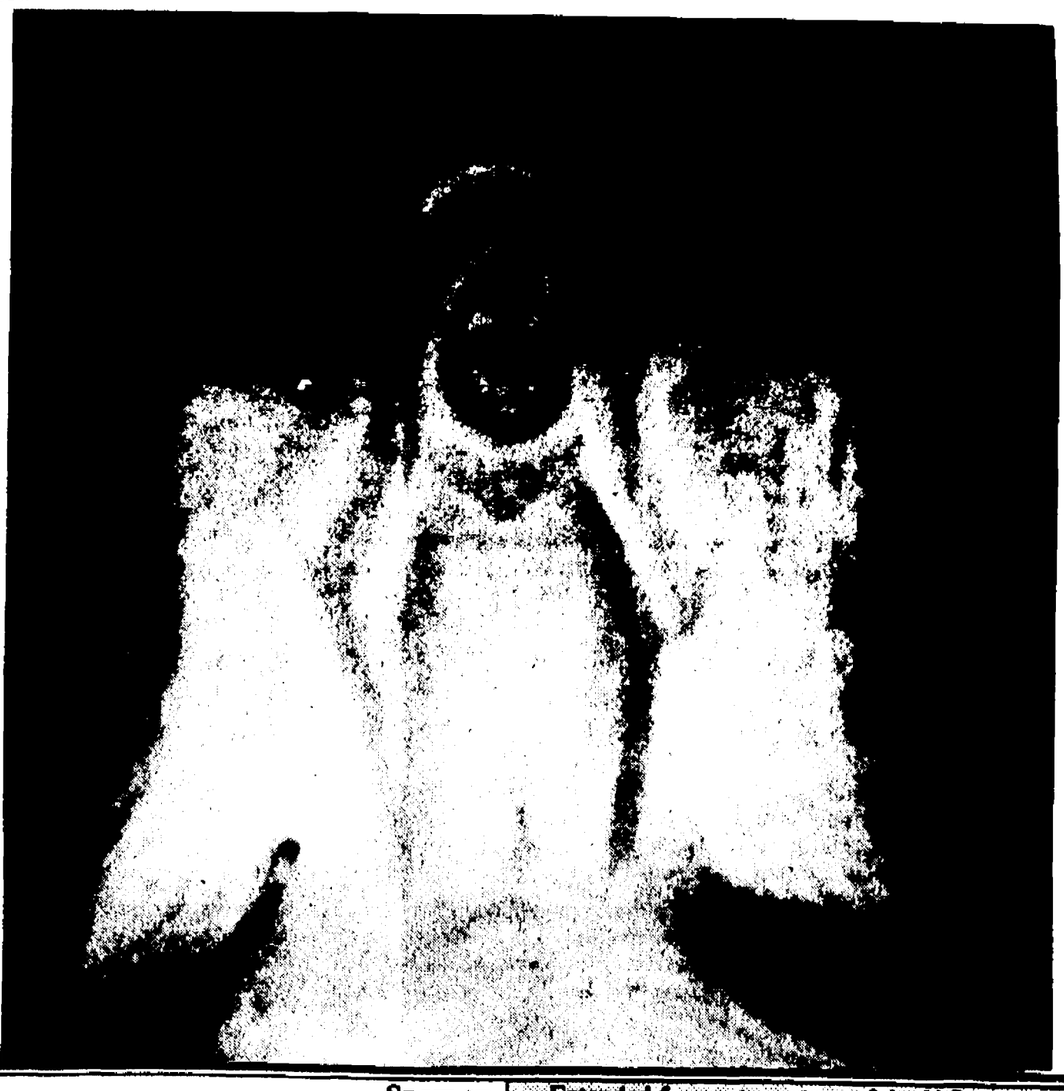
Last Friday evening, about 20 of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Langevin gave them a surprise by calling on them to tender congratulations.

Harry Chapman of Frederic, while coasting accidently ran into a hay rack cutting and bruising his face.

Mrs. J. Funsch of Jack Pine, visited her friend Mrs. Nina Richardson last Thursday.

Will Kritby of Frederic, has moved his stock of merchandise to Maple Forest.

LOCAL WEATHER



Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground
1/10	25	13	0.23	27"
1/11	20	-8		27"
1/12	17	-12	0.01/2	26"
1/13	30	6		26"
1/14	39	15	0.01/2	25"
1/15	33	26		24"
1/16	20	-7		24"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for mostly-cloudy skies, with the highs near 40. Thursday calls for a chance of snow. The highs will be in the 30s, with the lows in the 20s. Temperatures will be turning sharply colder on Friday, with scattered snow showers. The highs will be in the teens, with the lows of 5 to 10 degrees. Saturday will be cold, with a chance of snow showers. The highs will be in the low teens, with the lows of around zero.

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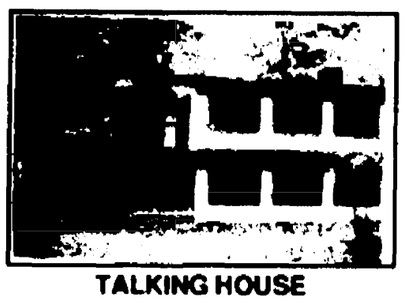
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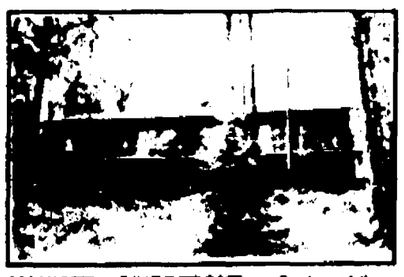
BEAUTIFUL RIVERFRONT HOME with 180 feet on the AuSable River with three acres of mixed hardwoods. This spacious quality built home offers 3,021 sq. ft. with large sunroom and river room. Four bedrooms, three baths, den, family room with split-stone hearth and woodstove, 2-car attached garage, green house, 32x38 newly constructed 2-story barn with finished workshop, two carports, two sheds, satellite system, split-rail fence, shuffleboard court, extensive decking, sprinkler system and many features too numerous to mention. $228,888. CS-267



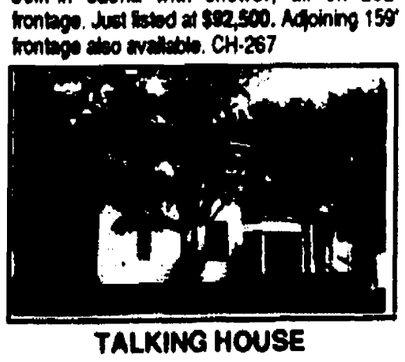
INTERESTED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION? Quality craftsmanship - good function - and GREAT LINES all built upon a choice wooded area with no thru-traffic. Three bedrooms, two baths, spacious open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, master bedroom suite, doorwall onto 12x20 deck. Call today for details. CH-320



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MANISTEE RIVERFRONT - Cedar siding, cedar T&G interior. 1,624 sq. ft., three bedrooms, three baths, 1,624 sq. ft. walk-out basement, full length deck, brick fireplace, built-in sauna with shower, all on 282' frontage. Just listed at $92,500. Adjoining 159' frontage also available. CH-267



TALKING HOUSE

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY-700 Michigan Avenue-Large Family Home in the City! 2,030 sq. ft., 4-5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with very spacious rooms, full basement, natural gas heat, city water/sewer. Nice corner lot with 2-car garage. $51,000. CS-192



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AuSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM just outside Grayling AuSable Trail. 1,456 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings, sliding glass door, fireplace, dryw[illegible]or vinyl windows, oak cabinets, two [illegible]ights, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, a[illegible] of frontage, 2.6 acres of hardwoods. $69,900. CH-301

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INTERESTED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION? This beautiful new home in Manistee River Woods offers 1,300 sq. ft., with an open floor plan, three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and kitchen. Hot water baseboard heat, vinyl windows, vinyl siding, 2-car finished garage and a 16x8 covered porch. $78,000. CS-305



NORTH BRANCH OF AuSABLE RIVER - 435' prime frontage, 3.25 acres, quality, rustic, finished, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home/cottage, cedar T&G interior, split-stone fireplace, master bedroom suite with 9 ft. french doors overlooking river, three tier deck/dock, 24x32 garage w/workshop, 15x21 garage, cedar enclosed porch, fieldstone barbecue and split-stone foundation. Perfect privacy amongst mature white pines. Many extra features. Call today for details. CH-293

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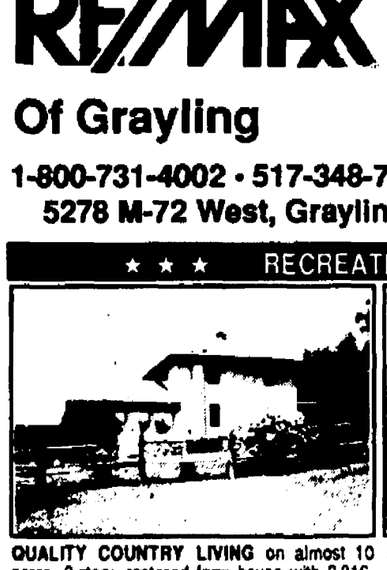


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IDEAL RENTAL PROPERTY Zoned commercial. Four bedrooms and two baths. Great location close to town. Kitchen and bath renovated one year ago. Attached garage. $36,500. JG-299

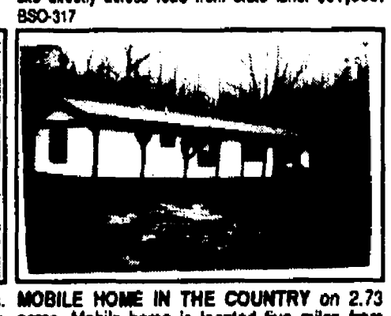
NEW LISTING - One-year-old, three bedroom, two bath modular. Great floor plan offers two full baths, garden tub, walk-in closet, fireplace in family room, island kitchen with eat-in facility, formal dining room, energy efficient 6" sidewalls and upgraded windows. Property sits directly across road from state land. $87,900. BSO-317



CHARMING TWO BEDROOM - Nestled on two acres, adjoining state land. Family room or third bedroom with doorwall onto deck. Vaulted kitchen ceiling, brick hearth w/woodstove insert. Partial basement & large garage. $62,500. KM-302



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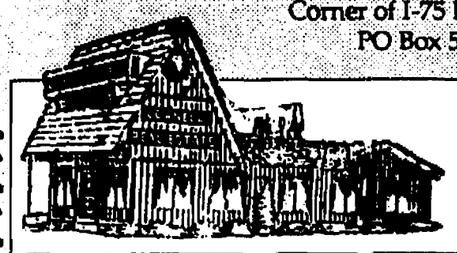
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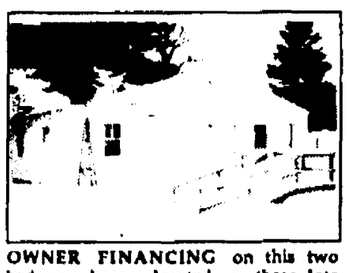
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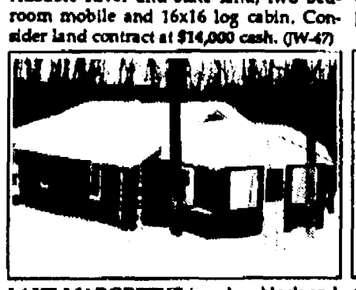
FISHERMEN, HUNTERS & SNOWMOBILERS! - 1.8 acres, close access to AuSable River and state land, two bedroom mobile and 16x16 log cabin. Consider land contract at $14,000 cash. (JW-47)



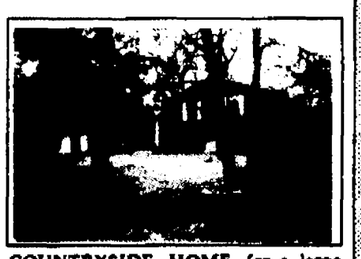
HUNTER'S & SNOWMOBILER'S SPECIAL - 12'x18' cabin with gas lights and heat, furnishings included, bath with path, secluded. $5,900. (LM-886)



MINI-MINI FARM - 980 sq. ft., two bedrooms, fireplace, 14x14 summer house, 2-car garage, buildings & cages for ducks, chickens, rabbits, herbs and flowers, canning area and an outhouse. $35,000. (MC-488)



LAKE MARGRETHE is only a block and a half away from this quaint log cabin, two bedrooms, bath, enclosed porch, new well, beautiful hillside setting. $29,900. (N-567)



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LARGE Two bedroom, two bath mobile, with woodstove. Available January 29, on 2 1/2 acres, across from state land. Beaver Creek Twp., 1 1/2 miles from Roscommon. Working couple with one child only, one year lease with option to buy, no pets, good references, $350 month, plus pay your own utilities, first and last month and security. 517-275-8733.
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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOMS, two baths, central air, cable available, secluded area, 5 1/2 miles east of Grayling, 14X70 newer mobile, 2x6 walls, $395 month, security deposit required, no pets, references required. 348-8386.
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1/11/96tf/2

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12/14/95tf/2

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1/18/96tf/2

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RETIRED AND BORED? Major greeting card company looking for part-time person to work in Grayling and/or Roscommon areas. Eight to twelve hours per week, flexible hours, $5 start, send short resume to 3381 Holiday View Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686.
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MAKE A GOOD LIVING in northern Michigan! If you are tired of the same old grind and would like to get into a challenging new career, call me today. I can offer you financial and personal independence, if you have a desire and are driven to succeed. Real estate business is complicated, detailed and involves hard work. However, for the right person, real estate offers personal satisfaction, high financial rewards, and new challenges daily. Interested? Century 21 River Country Real Estate is interested in you. Call Randy Thompson to discuss the beginning of a professional career with an industry leader. (517)348-5474.
8/24/95tf/3

The Grayling Housing Commission has two one-bedroom apartments currently available for senior/disabled persons.

Qualifications:

1. Must be 56 years of age or handicapped/disabled
2. Maximum income level of $18,250 for 1 person
3. Maximum income level of $20,850 for 2 persons

Call **517-348-9314** if you are interested, or stop by the Grayling Housing Commission, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI and pick up an application.

LR2/29/96/2

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER SPECIALIST Since 1940. Call Hal, broker, 348-5965.
11/30/95tf/1

Custom Business Forms
available at the AVALANCHE

January "White" Sale

6. **NEW LISTING** Beautiful newer three bedroom home in the country within six miles of Grayling. Features a spacious kitchen with hickory cabinets and Andersen windows. $54,000. #155

7. **LOG LOVER'S DREAM HOME** on the AuSable River within one mile of Grayling city limits. Two bedrooms and two baths on the main floor, one bedroom and one bath upstairs, with skylights and balcony overlooking great room. Price reduced with easy terms. $130,000. #120

8. **GREAT HANDY-PERSON'S HOME** - This two bedroom home sits on a large lot on top of a hill. $20,000. #140

12. **CHARMING TWO BEDROOM HOME** a stone's throw from Lake Margrethe. Home includes a large great room with knotty pine and a free-standing fireplace. All on a large lot. $59,000. #127

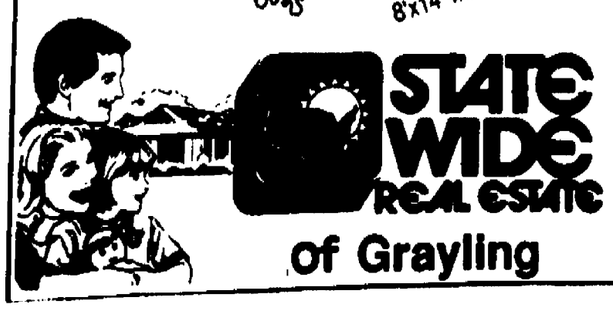
22. **GREAT THREE BEDROOM HOME** on 10 acres of mixture of woods. Backs up to state land with a path going to the back of property. On a paved county maintained road. $59,900. #131

19. **ALL DECKED OUT** - Three bedroom home with two decks for you to entertain your guests. Also includes a 26x26 pole barn. $43,000. #119

29. **THREE BEDROOM HOME** with a large living room, fenced-in yard, one mile from Grayling. Just right for your family. Priced at $39,300. Won't last long. #145

26. **EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED** three bedroom mobile home, with a 18' 1/2'x7 1/2' enclosed porch. Also includes a 10'x10' storage shed plus a 8'x14' workshop shed. $18,000. #150

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME on 10 acres offers washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator, chest freezer and trash compactor. $38,500. #122



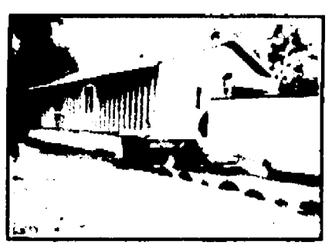
STATE WIDE REAL ESTATE of Grayling

GRAYLING INC.
1169 I-75 Bus. Loop
Grayling, MI
(517) 348-4741
FAX 517-348-7822

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Century 21 River Country Real Estate



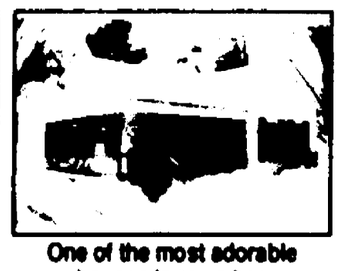
Affordable

1,012 sq. ft., three bedroom home on 2.5 acres of land. Ideal for year-around or recreational use. Possible terms. $25,000. #3783



Just Listed

Lake living without lake taxes? This cute home has lake access just one block down, a 24x30 garage with cement slab and garage door opener, home has new roof in 1993. OWNERS ANXIOUS. $54,900.00 #3791



One of the most adorable houses in town has just been listed!

Newly vinyl sided, thermo pane windows and a completely remodeled kitchen are just some of the great things this three bedroom home has to offer. $49,900. #3794



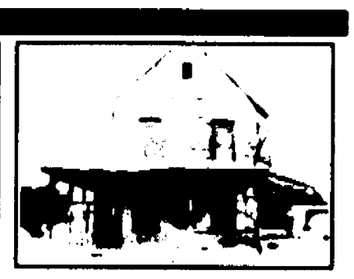
AuSable Riverfront Home

This cozy three bedroom home on 2.5 acres, with approximately 500 feet of river frontage, offers seclusion, but is only minutes from town. $63,000. #3726



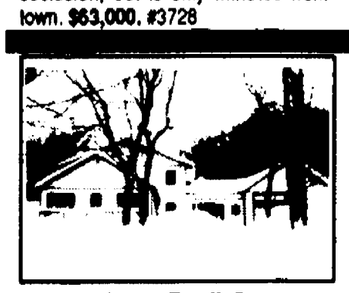
Cub Lake Lakefront

Been looking for a large lot with WATERFRONT that is affordable? Here it is!! Beautiful parcel offering over 140' of frontage on Cub Lake. $47,000. #3793



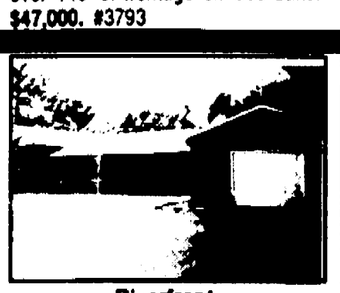
Just Listed and Extremely Affordable

Three or possibly four bedroom home in the village of Frederic. This home is loaded with potential and is priced to sell! $19,500. #3795



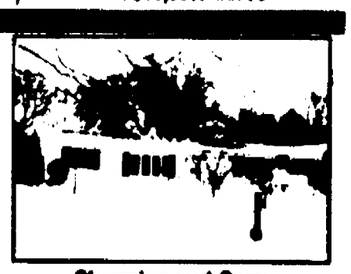
Large Family? Large Home!

Four or possible five bedroom home with a master bedroom big enough to live in, two baths, an attached 24x40 garage on 6.98 acres of land. King size yet priced right at $73,500. #3751



Riverfront Living can be yours

This home is secluded, quiet and peaceful, yet just minutes from town. It features approximately 200' of East Branch frontage and has knockout landscaping. Asking only $93,000. #3693



Charming and Cozy home in Sherwood Forest Subdivision

Three bedroom, two bath home with an attached garage, blacktop circle drive, paved streets, cable TV and natural gas. Listed at $55,900. #3784

For Any And All Real Estate Information Call Liz Corsette



If you are trying to sell your home in the winter, always try to keep walkways shoveled and free from ice for easy access for any potential buyers.

Open 7 days a week! Results Happen When You Hire The Best!

Century 21
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
Randy Thompson- Broker
5688 M-72 West - Grayling
517-348-5474

3. Employment

PARTS DRIVER Grayling Motor Mall, 4365 M-72 East. Apply in person.
-11-18/3

3. Employment

NOW HIRING: CLERKS AND CASHIERS Flexible hours! Heavy lifting! Non-smokers, non-drinkers! Norman's of Gaylord (behind Burger King).
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3. Employment

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED Part-time downhill skiing and snowboarding instructors, Wednesday - Saturday, call 348-9266 or apply in person at Hanson Hills.
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PREGNANT? Help make our dreams come true. Financially secure, loving couple wish to adopt newborn. We love pets, outdoor activities, beautiful home. Agency Affiliated. 1-800-787-6770.

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NANNY OPPORTUNITIES: Prescreened families Nationwide are looking for caring individuals to spend a year as a nanny. $175-$350/week, room and board, airfare, included. Childcrest, 1-800-574-8889

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FREE COLOR BROCHURE and land list of beautiful Tennessee lakefront & lakeview acreage on huge lake near Knoxville & Smoky Mountains. Mild climate, low taxes. Excellent financing. Incredible savings during Jan & Feb! Prices from $7,900 to $69,900. Call Marble Bluff. 1-800-376-0602, ext. 6813. File #0-07249-48.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING, GED, Medical benefits and more are provided if you qualify and are able to relocate for training. To see if you qualify call 1-800-774-5627 Must be 16-24 years only

TYPISTS NEEDED. Also PC/Word processor users. $40,000/year income potential. Toll free 1-800-898-9778 Ext. T-6391 for directory.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSED HOMES for pennies on $1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's, FDIC, RTC, IRS. Your area. Toll free 1-800-898-9778 Ext. H-6391 for directory and listings

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GOT A CAMPGROUND Membership or Timeshare? We'll take it. America's most successful resort resale clearinghouse. Call Resort Sales Information toll free hotline 1-800-423-5967

FREE DEBT CONSOLIDATION. Immediate Relief! Too many debts? Overdue bills? Reduce monthly payments 30%-50%. Eliminate interest. Stop collection callers. Restore credit. NCCS, non-profit 1-800-955-2412.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE. Looking for ad sales professional! Experience in newspaper advertising/media sales and knowledge of ad agency process preferred. Excellent opportunity for goal-oriented individual. Compensation package includes base salary plus bonus, mileage reimbursement, company-paid benefit plan and excellent retirement plan. Please send resume with references and salary history to: Box W, Michigan Press Association, 827 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. EOE

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Mich-CAN Business Booster

Mich-CAN is the simple, affordable way to advertise your business to 1.4 million Michigan households. And during the month of January 1996, it's even more affordable. **Here's how:**

4 for 3

• **BUY** a 25-word* Mich-CAN ad to run any week during January, for 3 consecutive weeks at the discounted rate of **$203.15 per week,** and get the **4th week free!**

3 for 2

• **BUY** a 25-word* Mich-CAN ad to run any week during January, for **2** consecutive weeks, and get the **3rd week free!**

*Extra words $5 each.

Remember, frequency is the key to successful newspaper advertising, and Mich-CAN can help. Mich-CAN puts your 25-word classified ad in 107 Michigan newspapers and 1.4 million households for only $239. That's roughly 17 cents per thousand households. **WHAT A DEAL!**

Any Questions? Contact the Crawford County Avalanche

(517) 348-6811

YES, I would like to run a 25-word* ad in *Mich-CAN!*
*Extra words $5 each.
☐ Run 4 consecutive ads — pay for 3 at $203.15 per ad!
(Valid only if ad starts during January 1996 and copy remains unchanged)
☐ Run 3 consecutive ads — pay for 2!
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Please Attach This Form To Your Ad Copy

3. Employment

EXPERIENCED CARPENTERS, saw man (cornice) & painters. 517-821-6118.
-11-18/3

ALLEN HOME HEALTH CARE currently hiring HHA's for shift work and live-in cases in the Grayling area. One year experience required, please call 1-800-878-7607, Monday - Friday between 9 & 5.
-4-11-18-25/3

WHOLESALE COSTUME JEWELRY COMPANY needs independent contractor to call on retail stores in N. Michigan and the U.P. Established territory, high commissions, some overnight travel required. Must provide own van. Potential to $40,000. Please send letter or resume to: Personnel, P.O. Box 687, DeWitt, MI 48820.
-11-18/3

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS Game wardens, security, maintenance, etc. No experience necessary, now hiring. For info call (219) 794-0010 ext. 8994, 9 am to 11 pm, 7 days.
-11-18-25/3

- Laborer Wanted -
Looking For A Hard-working Individual
Work includes shoveling, working with equipment and other physical labor.
Apply in person to:
Northern A-1 Services
2305 US 131 North
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Pizza Hut Pizza Hut
Is Now Accepting Applications
Cooks and Waitress Staff
Apply At:
Grayling Pizza Hut
400 State Street
Grayling, MI 49738
4-11-18/3

We need your help...
Seeking qualified home health aides to fill immediate cases in our 9-county area.
Weekdays - Weekends
Night shifts
For more information,
Call 348-4383
and ask for Barb
MERCY AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE
Affiliated with Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System
EOE 4-11-18-25/3

4. Services Offered

CHAIN SAW TUNE-UP and repair service. A.H. Rental & Repair. 348-1179.
10/6/94tf/4

SNOWBLOWER TUNE-UP or repair. Free estimates. A. H. Rental and Repair, 348-1179.
11/23/95tf/4

COME AND ENJOY beer battered fish and chips. $5.25, all you can eat, 4:00 - 9:00 pm., Fridays at Spikes Keg O' Nails.
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PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING AND REPAIR at reasonable prices. Also quality refinishing supplies. Call (517) 348-2026.
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4. Services Offered

SUNSHINE CONSTRUCTION Home repairs and improvements, roofs, siding, remodeling. Senior rates. Licensed and insured. Free estimates. 211 Alexia, Grayling, 348-6040.
7/27/95tf/4

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3/19/91tf/4

D&R WELDING REPAIR & FABRICATION 9 am to 5 pm, six days. Custom built trailers & Reese carry-all racks. Portable welding available. Residential, industrial, commercial. 40 years experience. Roger Fischer, journeyman ironworker, Grayling, MI 517-348-2615.
-18-25/4

DRIVEWAYS OPENED & snow banks moved. 4X4 loader/7' snowblower. Roofs shovelled. 517-821-5707.
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NO CABLE TV? Small dish rentals available. Now cable TV is available any place. Call Northern Electronics, 348-6944.
9/21/95tf/4

ARE YOU WORKING to pay your babysitter? Affordable, dependable babysitting in my smoke-free home. Call 348-6231.
-11-18/4

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL Excellent service, quality work, free estimates. 348-4329.
-11-18/4

CEDAR CHESTS. Cedar chests, want one? We will build one just for you. Just plain or as fancy as you like. Call P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400.
-11-18-25-1/4

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-11-18/4

AVON: BUY OR SELL Call Mary, independent rep., (517) 348-6823, leave message.
3/30/95tf/4

SNOWPLOWING Commercial and residential. 348-6005 anytime.
9/28/95tf/4

SEWING, SEWING, SEWING Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley, 348-1348.
5/18/95tf/4

ROOF SNOW AND ICE removal. Reasonable rates, free estimates. Call 348-6184.
-11-18/4

HAPPY TIMES DAY CARE Now accepting children from 6 am to 3 pm. Lots of loving care. Licensed, food provided. For more information call Dawn at 348-6787.
10/12/95tf/4

5. For Sale



Wedding Invitations
Announcements
Napkins, Tablecloths
Thank-you Notes
Available at the AVALANCHE

5. For Sale

MACINTOSH PERFORMA 550 with CD-ROM and four color jet printer, loaded, Claris Works, Quicken, Grolier Encyclopedia, hypercard. Computer desk too! Extra disks and CD-ROM games, fax/modem, too. Great deal, $1,900, or best offer. Call 616-328-4618 or leave message at 348-5344.
12/19/95tf/5

AKC GORDON SETTER PUPS Springset bloodlines, excellent bird dogs and companions. Wormed, first shots, ready to go January 24, 1996. 906-524-5688
-11-18/5

LIGHT COLORED, MATCHING couch and chair. Great condition. $150 for both. 275-8046.
-11-18/5

SCORPION SNOWMOBILE for sale. Good condition, $350. 348-1523.
-11-18/5

SEASONED OAK Delivering in Grayling, Higgins and Houghton Lake and Roscommon areas. 348-8924.
1/11/96tf/5

FURNITURE REFINISHED Chair rounds or spindles made. Most anything wood repaired. P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400
-11-18-25-1/5

20 CUBIC FOOT Top freezer, Whirlpool refrigerator, about ten years old with ice maker, white, in good condition. Asking $250. Call Ron at Cornell Insurance 348-6761.
1/4/96tf/5

FIREWOOD, MIXED HARDWOOD, $35. Cord delivered and stacked. Leave message, 517-348-6702.
11/2/95tf/5

CROSS COUNTRY SKI'S Waxable and poles, $40. 348-5074.
-18/5

BEAUTIFUL LOVE SEAT Beige, excellent condition, $110. Call 348-1138. If no answer, leave a message.
1/18/96tf/5

1974 MOTO SKI, 1974 Massey Ferguson plus trailer. 348-2957.
-18/5

MUST SELL: 1984 YAMAHA SRV 540 Snowmobile, runs and looks great, $1,500. Call Jayson at 348-7893.
-18/5

MOVING SALE: 12 hp, 38" cut mower, three years old. 8 hp, 26" cut snowblower, three years old. $650 each. 348-4562.
-18/5

SELLING COIN COLLECTION Silver prices going up, so buy now. Some coins date back to Civil War. Silver dollars, Morgan and Peace; Liberty seated half dollars, quarters & dimes, large cents and half cents, three cents. Indianhead and wheat pennies, 1909 and up. Much more, will sell by item. 517-348-5344.
-18/5

FREE SOFA WITH RECLINER on both ends. Recliners need repair. Also, two blue recliners, both in need of repair. Good for handyman project. You haul away. Call 348-2299. If no answer, leave a message.
1/18/96tf/5

HONDA *Come ride with us.*



ATVs



ACCESSORIES

ARCTIC CAT



SNOWMOBILES

TERRY'S SPORT CENTER, INC.
Located 3 miles west of Grayling at Lake Margrethe
517-348-7513
We sell a full line of snowmobiles, ATVs, and accessories for great winter fun.

Fun 'n' Sun
SNOWMOBILE RENTALS
Renting snowmobiles, clothing & accessories
3 Miles west of Grayling at Lake Margrethe
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5. For Sale

JOHN DEERE SNOWMOBILE for sale. Low mileage. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park office.
-18/5

LIGHT BLUE COUNTRY-STYLE SOFA Oak trim, nice condition. $150. Call 348-1138, if no answer, leave message.
1/18/96tf/5

Don't Miss Out! Get Your AVALANCHE Subscription Today

6. Wanted

WANTED: Furniture to repair. Don't let that valuable chair or table be broken just because it needs some T.L.C. Call P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400.
-11-18-25-1/6

WANTED: CHILDCARE for two-month old, beginning May, 1996. 10-12 days per month. My home or yours. Non-smoker required. 348-1544
-4-11-18/6

WANTED: Large boxing punch bag. Call 348-1138.
1/4/96tf/6

7. Miscellaneous

FOUND: SET OF KEYS in library parking lot, Saturday, January 6th. Owner can claim by identifying. 348-9214.
-18/7

85% SUCCESS/GROWING 50% yearly. Home businesses, financial independence. Send $7 and SASE for list of over 70 businesses. HJF, P.O. Box 308, Grayling, MI 49738.
-11-18/7

PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING Chair caning and hard-to-find hardware. Victorian Millworks, M-55, one mile west of downtown West Branch. (517) 345-2540.
-11-18-25/7

WELL WORTH THE TRIP to Victorian Millworks. Quality oak furniture and other home accessories. M-55, one mile west of downtown West Branch. (517) 345-2540.
-11-18-25/7

BAHAMA CRUISE! 5 days/4 nights. Underbooked! Must Sell! $279/couple. Limited tickets. 1-800-414-4151, ext. 4708, Mon - Sat 9 am - 10 pm.
-4-11-18-25/7

8. Announcements

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother.
8/3/95tf/8

WOODEN PLAQUES with a picture woodburned on it of your cabin, cottage, or home anywhere. Make great gifts for friends of their retreats. Call P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400
-11-18-25-1/8

COME AND ENJOY beer battered fish and chips. $5.25, all you can eat, 4:00 - 9:00 pm, Fridays at Spikes Keg O' Nails.
11/23/95tf/8

"Where does blood come from?"



"My [illegible] the Red Cross and got all better again."

Blood comes from people like you.

Please Give

American Red Cross

10. Garage Sales

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP (a church resale shop). M-72 West. Open Monday, 1-8, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10-4. All week all sweaters $1, all skirts $1, all shoes three for $1.
-18/10

Invitations, Envelopes, Napkins, Tablecloth, Thank-you Notes
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9. Personals

Nifty, Nifty Looks Who's 60

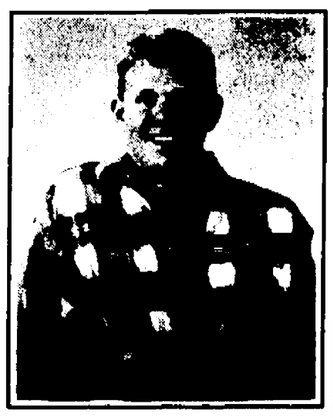


Happy Birthday Frances
Love, David, Bill, Dave, Becky & Mary
-18/9

The day you've been waiting for has finally arrived! You can now frequent the local Lottery dealers!

Happy 18th Birthday
"GI PHIL"
January 16th

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jamie
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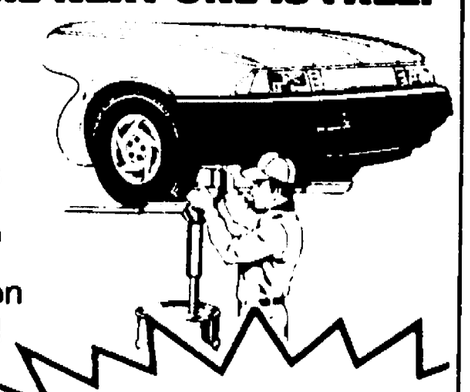
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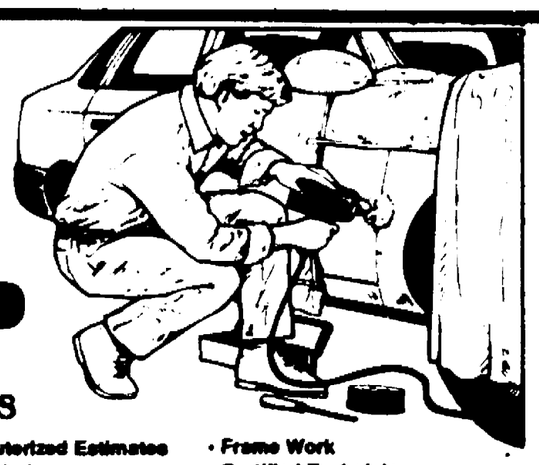
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